

24th Annual Ottawa Brain Tumour Walk

A day to celebrate, reflect and be together

OTTAWA, ON, June 4, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Ottawa on Sunday, June 10, 2018 in support of anyone affected by a brain tumour. This annual fundraiser brings hope to the estimated 55,000 Canadians living with a brain tumour and the dozens more who are diagnosed each day.

"Patients and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and we want them to know they are not alone. Together we walk to raise awareness about this often devastating disease and to let our community know we are to help," says Susan Marshall, CEO.

With more than 120 types of tumours, they are complex and can be difficult to treat. Symptoms can range from hearing loss to hormonal problems. Brain tumours can also affect vision, memory, balance and mobility.

Chris Moore knows this all too well. The 42-year-old father of three boys was given 14 months to live last January after diagnosed with the most aggressive form of brain cancer, glioblastoma multiforme. His treatment has been ongoing, involving two brain surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy.

Today, Moore is involved in the Ottawa brain tumour support group and raises awareness of the need for more funding into this disease.

"We still don't know what causes them and not much progress has been made in extending the average life expectancy after diagnosis of this vicious disease," says Moore. "The walk is the largest fundraiser of the year for Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, so this is the biggest chance to show solidarity, support one another, and support the fight against brain tumours."

His efforts and those of thousands of other participants support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's specialized resources, support programs and research grants to ultimately find the cause of and cure for brain tumours.

What: Ottawa Brain Tumour Walk

When: Sunday, June 10, 2018 (9:45 am Survivor Photo, 9:50 am Ceremony, 10 am Walk)

Where: Andrew Haydon Park, 3169 Carling Ave., Nepean

About the Brain Tumour Walk events

By fundraising as part of a Brain Tumour Walk, patients, survivors, family and friends join the nationwide movement to end brain tumours. For more than two decades, Brain Tumour Walk events have been the community event to bring together thousands of Canadians in tribute to and in memory of people affected by a brain tumour. **For more information about the 20+ Brain Tumour Walk events taking place across Canada in 2018, visit www.BrainTumourWalk.ca.**



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About Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada: Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is the only national charity offering information and support to patients affected by any kind of brain tumour – be it cancerous, non-malignant or metastases. The organization funds ground-breaking research across North America and, since 1982, has dedicated over \$6.2 million to finding a cure and improving treatment for brain tumour survivors. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is funded solely through generous contributions from individuals, corporations, organizations, employee groups and special events. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's website: www.BrainTumour.ca.

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