

24th Annual Toronto Brain Tumour Walk

Mom of young twins copes with her inoperable brain tumour diagnosis

TORONTO, Ontario, May 28, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Toronto on Saturday, June 2, 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.

Stephanie Ford knows this all too well. The 37-year-old mom of twins was diagnosed last spring with an extremely rare and inoperable brain tumour after suffering chronic and worsening headaches.

"I have had to come to terms with the notion that I am vulnerable as a human being. I have become the statistic you hear about," she says.

While Ford knows she can't control her tumour, she can join the Toronto Walk and do something that could help make a difference, not just for herself, but for others.

"It means a chance to find a cure. You never truly know when that last dollar might be the one to find a cure," says Ford.

Funds raised at the Toronto Walk will support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's specialized resources, support programs and research grants, including two studentships awarded this year to a pair of undergraduate science students at the University of Toronto. Di Zhu is researching the most common type of malignant brain tumours in children while Quin Xie is looking deep into the classification of brain tumours.

Their research, and that of many others funded by the Brain Tumour Foundation across Canada, brings hope to the hundreds of participants like Ford, who will gather next weekend in Toronto for the Brain Tumour Walk.

What: Toronto Brain Tumour Walk

When: Saturday, June 2, 2018 (9:45 a.m. Survivor Photo, 9:50 a.m. Opening Ceremony, 10 a.m. Walk Start)

Where: David Pecaut Square, 215 King St. W, Toronto

About the Brain Tumour Walks



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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 Walks 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 Walks taking place across Canada in 2018, visit www.BrainTumourWalk.ca.**

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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