

24th Annual Vancouver Brain Tumour Walk

Five-year Walk volunteer finds joy in giving back to others affected by a brain tumour

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, June 18, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Vancouver on Sunday, June 24, 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.

Christina Hagberg's symptoms started with a headache and flu-like symptoms, but quickly progressed to a grand mal seizure. In November 2011, the Vancouver woman was diagnosed with a brain tumour and she was scheduled for surgery.

"As a healthy, active 33-year-old (at the time), I never realized how quickly my life could be turned upside down," she says.

After the tumour was successfully removed, Hagberg was eager to give back to others on their own brain tumour journey, so she volunteered as coordinator for the Vancouver Brain Tumour Walk.

"The walk means everything to me. I have met so many incredible people through the walk, whether it's survivors, family members, or friends that also want to raise awareness and give back to the brain tumour community," says Hagberg.

Funds raised at the Vancouver Walk will support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's specialized resources, support programs and research grants, including a fellowship for Vancouver's Dr. Andrea Lo, studying brain tumours in young adults. The Walk brings hope to the hundreds of participants, who will gather this weekend in Vancouver.

What: Vancouver Brain Tumour Walk

When: Sunday, June 24 (10:40 a.m. Survivor Photo, 10:50 a.m. Opening Ceremony, 11 a.m. Walk Start)

Where: Burnaby Lake Rugby Club, 3760 Sperling Ave, Burnaby

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



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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.**

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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