

23rd Annual Victoria Brain Tumour Walk

Local brain tumour survivor alive today because of annual eye exam

VICTORIA, BC, May 17, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Victoria on Sunday, May 27, 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. Barb Fraser, of Victoria, suffered years of frequent headaches before an annual eye exam revealed she had a brain tumour.

"The results showed swelling on my optic nerve... within a week I had seen a specialist and had an MRI," says Fraser. "Seeing one's brain with a large tumour is frightening."

Three weeks after her brain surgery in 2008, Fraser started volunteering for Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's annual Brain Tumour Walk and hasn't stopped. She says the walk gives her a chance to give back and support those struggling with brain tumours.

"It is also important to me to spread the word not only about brain tumours, but also the importance of annual eye exams. Without them, I would not be alive," says Fraser.

Her efforts and those of thousands of other participants support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's specialized resources, support programs and fund ground-breaking research across the country.

What: Victoria Brain Tumour Walk

When: Sunday, May 27, 2018 (9:45 am Survivor Photo, 9:50 am Ceremony, 10 am Walk)

Where: University of Victoria, 3800 Finnerty Rd., Victoria

About the Brain Tumour Walks

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



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