

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Winnipeg Brain Tumour Walk

*Vacation at Disney ends with boy's brain tumour diagnosis*

**WINNIPEG, Manitoba, June 18, 2018** – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Winnipeg on Saturday, June 23 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.

Sully Rossnagel was diagnosed with a brain tumour while his family was on vacation in Florida. Then only four years old, Sully, had a mild seizure at Disney and was rushed to hospital.

"Within an hour he was in surgery for a shunt. He then went for a craniotomy a few days later to remove the tumour. But without the shunt, he would not have survived the night," says Sully's mom, Mira Rossnagel.

Her son, now 10, is doing well, so they have turned their focus on supporting others on a brain tumour journey by participating in the annual Brain Tumour Walk.

"Brain tumours have affected us deeply, first in our family and now with friends of ours," says Mira. "It's always going to be a worry every year when Sully has a surveillance MRI."

Funds raised at the Winnipeg Walk will support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's specialized resources, support programs and research grants, including a fellowship this year for Winnipeg's Dr. Brent Guppy. The Walk brings hope to the hundreds of participants like Sully, who will gather this weekend in Winnipeg.

**What:** Winnipeg Brain Tumour Walk

**When:** Saturday, June 23 (9:45 a.m. Survivor Photo, 9:50 a.m. Opening Ceremony, 10 a.m. Walk Start)

**Where:** Assiniboine Park Conservatory Tent, 55 Pavilion Cres, Winnipeg

### 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



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by a brain tumour. **For more information about the 20+ Brain Tumour Walk events taking place across Canada in 2018, visit [www.BrainTumourWalk.ca](http://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](http://www.BrainTumour.ca).

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