

## 25th Annual Calgary Brain Tumour Walk

*“You’ve got to walk the walk – I’ve been so lucky, and my story gives hope to others with this diagnosis.”*

CALGARY, AB, May 22, 2019 – On Saturday, June 1, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada returns to Calgary for its 25th annual Brain Tumour Walk. Joining this year’s event is Marylou “Puddie” Curtis, an almost 28-year brain cancer survivor who is participating here for the first time, alongside her daughter who walks to honour her mom and in memory of her friend, Marjorie, who recently passed away from brain cancer – the same type Puddie was diagnosed with in 1991.

“Survivors like Puddie and their families are truly the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, and for 25 years we’ve had the privilege to walk with this incredible group of people affected by an often-devastating disease,” says Susan Marshall, CEO.

Puddie was diagnosed 27 years ago with glioblastoma multiforme – the same brain cancer that claimed the life of The Tragically Hip’s Gord Downie in 2017. Typically considered “terminal,” Puddie says she doesn’t let the “what ifs” of brain cancer dictate how she lives her life. “When you face this diagnosis, it’s important to see hope every day, whatever that means for you,” she explains. “I was told I had six weeks or six months to live, and it was definitely terrifying, but I am still here... and there’s a lot of living to be done in a day.”

**What:** Calgary Brain Tumour Walk

**When:** Saturday, June 1, 2019

- Registration: 8:30am
- Survivor Photo: 9:45am
- Opening Ceremonies: 9:50am
- Walk Begins: 10:00am

**Where:** Edworthy Park, 5050 Spruce Drive SW

**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 \$6.9 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 like the Brain Tumour Walk events. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada’s website: [www.BrainTumour.ca](http://www.BrainTumour.ca).

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