

25th Annual Edmonton Brain Tumour Walk *“We just keep living and going, one step at a time.”*

EDMONTON, AB, May 13, 2019 – On Saturday, May 25, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada comes to Edmonton for its 25th annual Brain Tumour Walk. Joining this year’s event is the Fortin family, led by Ruth, who survived a brain tumour and lives to this day with side effects from procedures meant to treat the disease.

“Survivors like Ruth and their families are 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.

When Ruth was second-trimester pregnant in 2016, she began to have headaches so painful, she would get sick to her stomach. One morning, she woke up unable to see and a trip to the ophthalmologist would send Ruth to the hospital for CT and MRI scans, tests that discovered a cancerous mass on her brain. Three days later, the pregnant Ruth underwent surgery to remove the tumour and, shortly after, was induced so that she could begin radiation and chemotherapy. Today, Ruth and her husband Gabe are proud parents to a three-year-old girl and the whole family will take part in the Edmonton Brain Tumour Walk.

“We’re walking for our first time this year,” explains Ruth, who now has significant mobility challenges and aphasia as a result of her brain tumour treatments. For Gabe, the event is a chance to celebrate how far their family has come. “We just keep living and going, one day – and one step – at a time.”

What: Edmonton Brain Tumour Walk

When: Saturday, May 25, 2019 (9:30am Registration Opens, 10:45am Survivor Photo, 10:50am Opening Ceremony, 11:00am Walk)

Where: Hawrelak Park, 9330 Groat Road, Edmonton, AB

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 \$7.2 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 like the Brain Tumour Walk events. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada’s website: www.BrainTumour.ca.

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