

14th Annual Hamilton-Niagara Brain Tumour Walk

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HAMILTON, ON, May 13, 2019 – On Sunday, May 26, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada comes to Hamilton's Dofasco Park for its 14th annual Brain Tumour Walk. Joining this year's event is Candice Petrovic, despite grieving the recent loss of her two-year-old daughter Hayden. Team Hayden has raised more than half of the fundraising goal for this event.

"We are so grateful to families like Candice's, who keep their loved one's memories alive through these events. We've had the privilege to walk with this incredible group of people affected by this devastating disease in Hamilton for the last 14 years," says Susan Marshall, CEO. "We will continue to walk every year until the cause of and a cure for all brain tumour types has been found."

Hayden was just 10 months old when Candice noticed changes in her formerly happy baby, who could no longer pull herself up to the table as she used to or control her body when in the bath. A trip to the ER led to a CT scan, and the diagnosis of a brain tumour. Two days later, Hayden had brain surgery followed by chemotherapy. Complications followed; Hayden almost lost her eyesight. Hayden survived one of the more aggressive subtypes of medulloblastoma, the most common childhood brain cancer, she survived Cytomegalovirus (CMV), but in January 2019 Hayden's journey came to an end due to respiratory failure. Hayden's autopsy showed that there was no sign of cancer in her little body. Candice, surrounded by friends and family, will take part in the Hamilton-Niagara Brain Tumour Walk to honour Hayden's legacy.

"Last year we saw a Brain Tumour Walk poster at the hospital just 3 days before the event. Hayden took part in her one and only Walk in 2018 and I won't miss another Brain Tumour Walk as long as I'm alive, just as Hayden wouldn't have missed one if she was still here." explains Candice.

What: Hamilton-Niagara Brain Tumour Walk

When: Sunday, May 26, 2019 (9:00am Registration Opens, 10:45am Survivor Photo, 10:50am Opening Ceremony, 11:00am Walk)

Where: Dofasco Park - FH Sherman Rec Centre, 388 First Rd E, Stoney Creek, ON

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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 Brain Tumour Walk. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's website: www.BrainTumour.ca.

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