

Sixth Annual North Bay Brain Tumour Walk

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NORTH BAY, ON, May 22, 2019 – On Sunday, June 2, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada returns to North Bay for its sixth annual Brain Tumour Walk. Leading this year's event is Mandy Byham, walking alongside her husband Colin who survived a brain tumour diagnosis in 2012.

"Survivors and their caregivers and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, and for six years we've had the privilege to walk with this incredible group of people affected by an often-devastating disease," says Susan Marshall, CEO.

Over several months in 2012, Colin and Mandy would visit their local ER and walk-in clinics, trying to get to the bottom of the stabbing pain Colin felt in his brain whenever he would sneeze, cough or stand up too quickly. After an initial misdiagnosis, a second brain scan uncovered the cause of Colin's symptoms: an ependymoma tumour was pressing on the fourth ventricle of his brain. Looking back on that time, Mandy remembers how scared she was as her husband was wheeled into major brain surgery. "I knew how serious it was and feared it might be the last time I saw Colin. I'm very blessed to wake up beside him every day."

The couple has been part of the North Bay Brain Tumour Walk event for three years and Mandy says she participates so that other people can continue to get the support and resources needed when dealing with such a complex disease, explaining that "Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada has been a driving force to make sure that upon diagnosis, patients and their caregivers get much-needed answers or know where to find them."

What: North Bay Brain Tumour Walk

When: Sunday, June 2, 2019

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

Where: Discovery North Bay Museum, 100 Ferguson Street

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.

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