

## Annual Toronto Brain Tumour Walk returns for its 25<sup>th</sup> year

*“There’s so much fear around having a brain tumour and I hope to change that.”*

**TORONTO, ON, May 22, 2019** – On Saturday, June 1, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada returns to Toronto for its 25<sup>th</sup> annual Brain Tumour Walk. Joining this year’s event is Stephanie (Steph) Ford, who survived an extremely rare brain tumour and lives to this day with effects from the disease.

“Survivors like Steph 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.

Coincidentally, Steph will mark the two-year point from her brain tumour diagnosis on the same day as the 2019 Toronto Brain Tumour Walk event. On June 1, 2017, after dealing with extreme fatigue and some unusual movement in her right eye, Steph got the news that she had a large mass on her brain – a rosette-forming glioneuronal tumour (RGNT), a type of tumour that little is known about and that cannot be removed due to its location in her brain. This reality does not stop Steph from her tireless efforts to reduce the stigma of having a brain tumour, though. “With every year passing, I have more hope for myself and others who face this kind of diagnosis,” Steph explains. “We don’t want to have to go through treatments that can change us or be faced with living with a brain tumour that there’s no research on. That’s why every dollar counts and it’s important for people to know that their dollar could be the last one needed to find a cure.”

**What:** Toronto Brain Tumour Walk

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

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

**Where:** David Pecaut Square, 215 King Street West

**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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