

## Yellowknife Brain Tumour Walk Returns for its Fourth Year

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YELLOWKNIFE, NT, May 30, 2019 – On Saturday, June 15, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada returns to Yellowknife for the annual Brain Tumour Walk. Joining this year's event is 15-year-old pediatric brain tumour survivor Maggie Carson, alongside her family and loved ones, as *Team Maggie*.

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

Maggie was just 12 years old when she had been living with excruciating headaches for a year and it was while away at a gymnastics competition in December 2016 that she would finally know the cause of her pain: a non-malignant tumour was found in her brain. Maggie was scheduled for immediate brain surgery to remove the mass and regular MRI scans would monitor for possible regrowth. Unfortunately, in March 2017, a check-up showed that the tumour had returned, and additional masses were discovered in Maggie's brain. This time, surgical removal was not the only form of treatment and Maggie had to undergo weekly chemotherapy for several months.

Today, in the three short years since her initial diagnosis, Maggie says she looks at life differently and strives to not be overwhelmed by the smaller things that happen day to day. "I continue to live my life as normal as possible and not let all of the things that go along with this brain tumour run my life," she explains. "Joining the Walk in Yellowknife means my family and I can find support and shows that even in this small town, people care and they're aware of this disease."

**What:** Yellowknife Brain Tumour Walk

**When:** Saturday, June 15, 2019

- Registration: 11:30am
- Survivor Photo: 12:45pm
- Opening Ceremonies: 12:50pm; Walk Begins: 1:00pm

**Where:** Somba K'e Civic Plaza, 4910 52nd 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 \$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](http://www.BrainTumour.ca).

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**To schedule an interview with Maggie Carson or for information about the Yellowknife Brain Tumour Walk:**

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