

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

Brain tumours are unpredictable and complex. There is no cure. Brain tumours don't discriminate; they affect people of all ages and backgrounds. They can affect vision, hearing, memory, balance and mobility. The effects are physical, emotional, financial, and last a lifetime. Lifting this burden for anyone affected is our goal. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is the only national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to reaching every Canadian affected by a brain tumour through support, education, information and research. Every year, thousands of people affected by brain tumours find emotional support and comfort through Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, while gaining a better understanding and knowledge of their disease.

Specific initiatives include:

- Free Brain Tumour Handbooks with versions focused on adult patients, pediatric patients and those diagnosed with a non-malignant brain tumour – available in English and French, both hard and soft copies
- National network of support groups in seven provinces (and a territory) and online
- BrainWAVE Family Support Program for families with children and teens affected by a brain tumour in Southern Ontario, Alberta, Lower Mainland British Columbia and Quebec (where the program is called GOcervo)
- A Webinar Series; presentations are focused on the latest developments in brain tumour research and treatments as well as quality-of-life issues
- One-to-one support through our national, toll free 1-800 line (1-800-265-5106)
- Funding Canadian research projects into the causes and treatments of brain tumours through annual grants and two research fellowships; to date more than \$7.2 million has been directed to brain tumour research
- Sole funder of the Brain Tumour Tissue Bank, providing brain tumour tissue samples to Canadian and international researchers
- Founding member of the North American Brain Tumour Funders' Collaborative which has funded \$8.1 million dollar research grants since 2006
- Pediatric Brain Tumour Impact Grant: Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada has raised \$625,000, working in partnership with Brain Canada, who has matched every dollar we raised, to fund Dr. Taylor's reality changing, \$1.25 million research project that will impact the lives of children with brain tumours everywhere
- Brain Tumour Registry of Canada: Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada has funded the first Registry to count every brain tumour in Canada. Data from this Registry will assist researchers to find the cause of and a cure for brain tumours. The first report was released in May 2019. www.BrainTumourRegistry.ca.

Our History

The organization was established in London in 1982 by Steve Northey, who lost his eight-year-old daughter Kelly to a brain tumour, Dr. Rolando Del Maestro, a neurosurgeon, and Pamela Del Maestro, a neuroscience nurse, to help find the cause and cure while improving the quality of life of those affected. Since the early days of the organization, it has been our vision to find the cause of and cure for brain tumours while improving the quality of life for those affected. Today, it's this purpose that continues to resonate and motivate thousands of volunteers, donors and supporters as we look to the future and a cure for this disease. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is funded solely through generous contributions from individuals, corporations, organizations, employee groups and special events.

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