

Piper Gilles – National Spokesperson - Brain Tumour Walk

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TORONTO, ON, May 15, 2019 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is thrilled to announce that Olympic ice dancer and world team member Piper Gilles will be the Foundation’s new National Spokesperson. Piper has been a tireless advocate for awareness and research since losing her beloved mother Bonnie Gilles to glioblastoma in May 2018. She is excited to take on this new role and to join the Toronto Brain Tumour Walk on June 1, 2019.

“I am moved beyond words to be chosen as their National Spokesperson. I urge as many people as possible to come out and join me at the walk, and to tell your story in as many different ways as you can. Together we can achieve a dream even more precious than an Olympic gold medal: a world without brain tumours.”

Piper’s mother Bonnie fought her disease for 15 months. Her family and caregivers were by her side, but Piper remembers how hard it was. “It was not just tough emotionally, but physically. She’d have a seizure, I’d try to move her, and she’d fall. There were times where I dropped my mom. I felt so bad, because I wanted to support her like she always supported me.”

Despite this, Piper urges other families to be strong. “Mom taught me to be resilient on the ice, to always get up and keep trying. In the same way, she would want families to understand that they can be ok after losing a loved one to a brain tumour.”

Piper’s full story can be read at <https://www.braintumour.ca/16506/pipers-story-a-dream-more-precious-than-olympic-gold>

“We are so excited to have Piper as our new National Spokesperson” said Susan Marshall, CEO of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. “While we wish that no families were ever affected by a brain tumour, with Piper’s help, we will get one step closer to a day where no-one has to hear those terrible words “You have a brain tumour”.”

To support Piper’s team, please donate at <http://www.braintumourevents.ca/goto/WalkForBonnie>

Participants who wish to join the Brain Tumour Walk can register at www.braintumourwalk.ca.

What: Toronto Brain Tumour Walk

When: Sat, June 1, 2019 (Registration opens at 8:30am, 9:45am opening ceremonies, 10:00am Walk)

Where: David Pecaut Square, 215 King Street W, Toronto



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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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