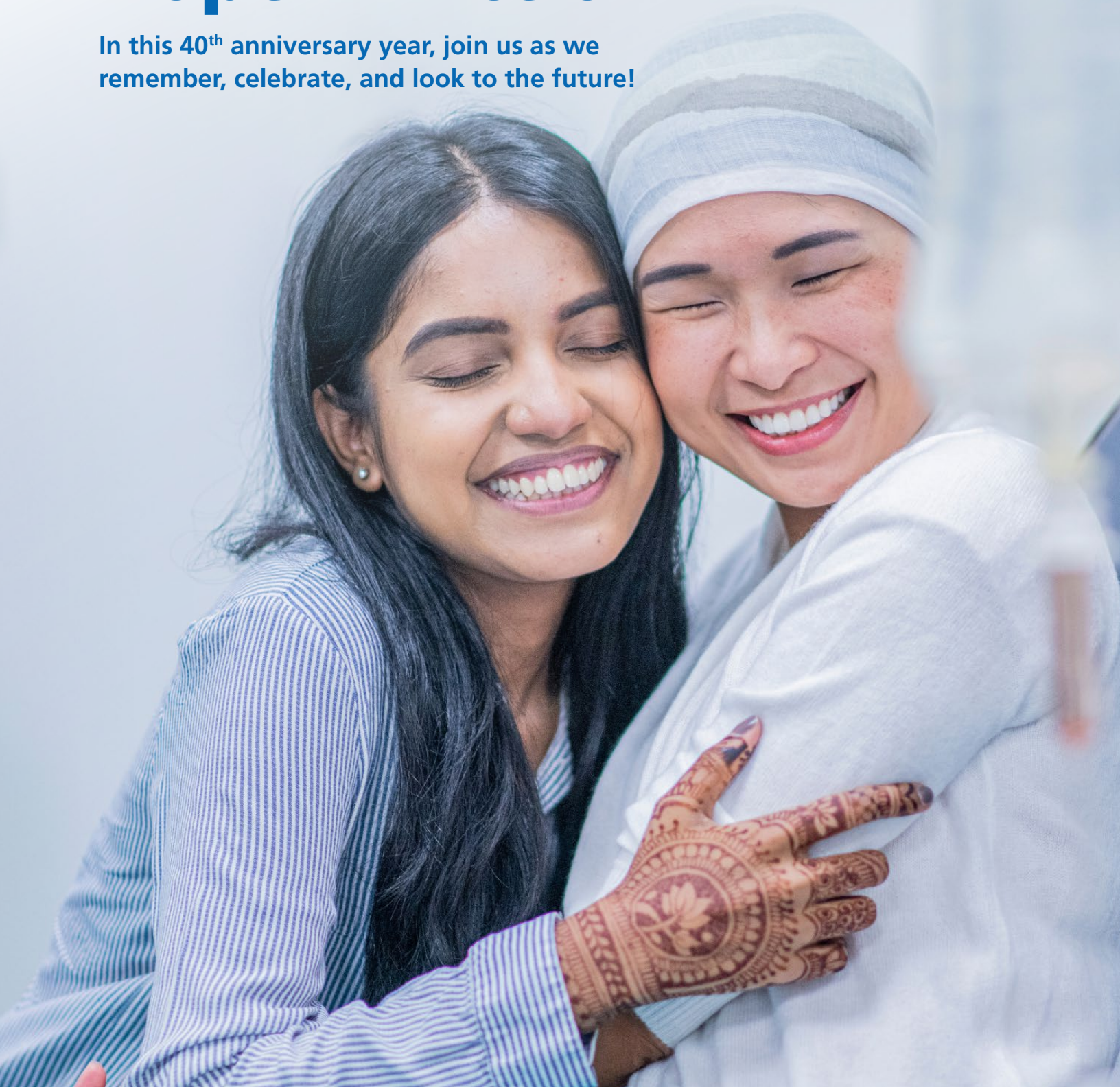


# Hope in Action

In this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, join us as we remember, celebrate, and look to the future!



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## OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023

Our Board of Directors is vested with the responsibility for carrying out the mission of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and overseeing its management and direction. Meet our Board of Directors at [www.braintumour.ca/board](http://www.braintumour.ca/board).

## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Forty years ago, a legacy began. Around a kitchen table, the loss of 8-year-old Kelly Northey's life to a brain tumour sparked what would become Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, the only national organization supporting all Canadians affected by a brain tumour, malignant and non-malignant.

I am honoured to be joining Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada in its 40th year. This is a time for us to remember how far we have come, to celebrate all that we have accomplished together, and to look towards a future free from brain tumours. There is plenty to be proud of as we report back to you on 2021 and the ways that together we continued to bring hope to those affected by a brain tumour. I am also excited to share what we are working on for this year!

I look forward to connecting with many of you as we embark on the next phase of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's journey together.

With sincere gratitude,

Shannon LaHay  
Chief Executive Officer

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



With each year that I have the privilege to serve the brain tumour community, I continue to be amazed. Amazed by the resilience of our patients, survivors, and caregivers. Amazed by the dedication of our healthcare providers, volunteers, and staff. Amazed by the generosity of our donors and supporters. In 40 years, we have

accomplished great things and, as we look to the future, I know that there is so much more that we will accomplish together.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Phyllis Retty  
Chair, Board of Directors

# 40 Years of Hope



**HOPE.** It's a simple word and yet carries a depth of meaning unique to each one of us. It can mean an encouraging smile during a time of uncertainty. A warm embrace during a time of despair. It can mean the difference between hanging on or giving up.

**HOPE** is the light to believe anything is possible and it shines within us all.

Every day, we at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada strive to bring **HOPE** to all those affected by a brain tumour. **HOPE** through

support. **HOPE** through information & education. **HOPE** through advocacy and research. **HOPE** for a cure.

In this 40th anniversary year, we are celebrating our past, thankful for the present and looking to the future with hope.

No matter when you joined us on this 40-year journey, we would not be here without you. Learn more about our 40th anniversary celebrations:

[www.braintumour.ca/40-years-of-hope](http://www.braintumour.ca/40-years-of-hope)

## DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT THANKS TO BRUCE POWER!



**BrucePower™**  
Innovation at work

When you, or someone you know, makes a gift to our Power of Hope campaign before December 31, 2022, Bruce Power will match up to \$100,000. With your

donation, you will provide renewed hope in the hearts of people affected by a brain tumour. Imagine the power in that! [www.braintumour.ca/power-of-hope](http://www.braintumour.ca/power-of-hope)

## SPREAD THE POWER OF HOPE THROUGH A SPECIAL DEDICATION



Dedicate a donation to your loved one and help us fund critical research, compassionate support, trusted information, and advocacy.

We have created a special dedication page where you can pay tribute to all those affected by this devastating disease. You can share your loved one's name and a photograph, alongside a special message.

Please donate and share your heartfelt messages for those dear to us and spread the power of hope!

[www.braintumour.ca/stories-of-hope](http://www.braintumour.ca/stories-of-hope)

## WHY YOUR DONATION MATTERS

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One of the things I'm so proud of as an organization, is all the information we have... we have information that we can give to patients and caregivers, we even have a coloring book and a storybook for the kids, there's so much more now in the way of resources thanks to all the support that we've received over the years!

– Steve Northey, co-founder

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# Innovative Programs and Resources

## NEW BRAIN TUMOUR MOBILE APP

Our new bilingual and accessible mobile app offers a new way for members of the brain tumour community to connect, and to access support and resources. The mobile app is free to download and is available on the iOS and Google Play stores.

Users can access the organization's brain tumour patient and caregiver handbooks directly on their phones, from anywhere and at any time. The app also features detailed information sheets, pediatric

resources, latest news and more. The support chat allows members of the brain tumour community to share advice and support each other throughout their journey. A new peer-to-peer section supervised by trained volunteers will be launched in the fall of 2022. Learn more and download our new app here:

[www.braintumour.ca/app](http://www.braintumour.ca/app)

This mobile app has been made possible thanks to funding from The Adam Fanaki Brain Fund.



 **THE ADAM FANAKI  
BRAIN FUND**

## YOUNG ADULTS SHARE THEIR STORIES...



Digital storytelling is combining the art of telling stories with a variety of multimedia, including graphics, text, audio narration, video clips, and music. For young adults affected by a brain tumour diagnosis, digital storytelling can have multiple benefits, such as allowing further healing from their traumatic experiences, reconciling past experiences with current life, and helping their family and friends understand their experiences.

## SELECTPATH

Five young adult brain tumour survivors from our community participated in a storytelling workshop in partnership with SelectPath to have their story made in this unique digital format. In October 2022, their stories will be shared with all the members of our community at a "Film Premiere" which will be broadcasted online. Stay tuned for additional information.

## PECHA WHAT?



PechaKucha (Japanese for "chit chat") is the world's fastest-growing storytelling platform, used by millions around the globe. With so many virtual events happening these last couple of years, we wanted to design and create engaging virtual events for the members of our community.

PechaKucha presentations are also an opportunity to learn more about

who's behind the work we do at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and encourage survivors, caregivers, health care professionals, donors and volunteers connected to our community the opportunity to share more about who they are, what they are passionate about or a cool project they have worked on. The topics are limitless.

Until the end of the year, we will be posting various PechaKucha



presentations created by staff members leading up to a LIVE PechaKucha event which will be hosted on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022. We want to inspire YOU to create and participate in our event this fall. Learn more: [www.braintumour.ca/pechakucha](http://www.braintumour.ca/pechakucha)

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**My daughter was diagnosed at the age of six months with a rare tumor – desmoplastic infantile astrocytoma. She is now 20 years old, in her second year of university and is doing extremely well. We are very blessed, and so thankful!**

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## A WEALTH OF INFORMATION TO EMPOWER YOU

Our Brain Tumour Handbooks are distributed to thousands of patients, survivors, family members, and health care professionals across Canada every year. Our collection includes adult, pediatric, non-malignant and caregiver brain tumour handbooks.

These resources contain a wealth of information about brain tumour treatments, clinical trials and a variety of quality of life topics.

Our brain tumour handbooks have been compiled with the support, guidance, and expertise of medical professionals, patients, survivors, caregivers, and volunteers from across Canada. Thank you to The Adam Fanaki Brain Fund for generously funding these handbooks. To order a handbook, please visit [www.braintumour.ca/resources](http://www.braintumour.ca/resources).



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Going to college and university is often a milestone for young adults, but for pediatric brain tumour survivors, post-secondary education can be out of reach. Our Youth Education Awards help brain tumour survivors achieve their dreams through post-secondary education. Congratulations to our 2021 Youth Education Award Recipients!



**Garrett Garlock** from Youngstown, Alberta, is pursuing Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Alberta. He was diagnosed with a pilocytic astrocytoma at age 15.

*Generously funded by Deys Fabricating.*



**Jessica Rosenbloom** from Thornhill, Ontario, is pursuing an Honours Bachelor of Health Sciences at the University of Ottawa. She was diagnosed with a low grade glioma at age 10.

*Generously funded by Deys Fabricating.*



**Stefani D'Amico-Helsdon** from Mississauga, Ontario, is pursuing an Arts, Honours Co-Operative Program at the University of Waterloo. She was diagnosed with an ependymoma at age 11.

*Generously funded by The Newhouse Family.*



**Haley Davis** from Guelph, Ontario, is pursuing Bio-Resource Management at the University of Guelph. She was diagnosed with an ependymoma at age 17.

*Generously funded by Bruce Power.*



**Lucas Aragao** from Toronto, Ontario, is pursuing a Bachelor of Kinesiology at the University of Toronto. He was diagnosed with a medulloblastoma at age 16.

*Generously funded by Andrew Campbell, Youth Leadership Foundation.*



**Dania Othman** from Richmond, British Columbia, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of British Columbia. She was diagnosed with a low grade glioma at age 11.

*Generously funded by Deys Fabricating.*



**William Pezzarello** from Whitby, Ontario, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science at Ontario Tech University. He was diagnosed with a low grade glioma at age 14.

*Generously funded by Phyllis Retty*



**Nadine Kroes** from Guelph, Ontario, is studying Pre-Health at Mohawk College. She was diagnosed with a medulloblastoma at age 11.

*Generously funded by R. Angus King Legacy Fund.*

**Learn more about our Youth Education Awards at [www.braintumour.ca/youth-education-awards](http://www.braintumour.ca/youth-education-awards).**



**I was diagnosed with an acoustic schwannoma when I was 19. I had a 14-hour surgery, spent two months in the hospital, and returned to my university studies within a week of my discharge from the hospital. I am now a lawyer at the largest law firm in Canada.**



**– Zach S., Calgary**

# United in our Steps and in our Cause!

In 2022, instead of one national walk day, the Brain Tumour Walk was held over a full weekend, to better accommodate different time zones, schedules, and weather! United in a common goal, to see an end to brain tumours. Participants chose how and where to make an impact on June 17, 18 and 19, 2022. United in our steps and in our cause – our community connected nationally, making a difference across Canada. Read walk participants' stories at [www.braintumourwalk.ca/testimonials](http://www.braintumourwalk.ca/testimonials).

**34**

incredible Brain  
Tumour Walk  
volunteer coordinators

**2,767**

participants

**465**

teams

**13,485**

donations

**\$1.3M+**

was raised through  
the 2022 Brain Tumour  
Walk program.

Once again, people affected by brain tumours were determined that a pandemic would not stop them from coming together to find strength, connection, and hope.

With the passion to support the brain tumour community and the mission of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, in 2022, 465 teams

participated raising a combined \$968,880.37 of the total dollars raised. The top team in Canada, with just two members, was team Max's Mission from Winnipeg, who raised \$27,715.53. We were thrilled to present the Team Captain, Max Erenberg, with the 2022 Cup of Hope!



Team Max's Mission



We are thankful for the generosity of Al's Flower Pouch by A.M.A. Horticulture, our proud national hashtag sponsor, for the third year in a row. #BrainTumourWalk hashtags were used all over social media, raising funds and awareness one hashtag at a time.

Novocure also joined our mission to end brain tumours! Novocure is a global oncology company striving to extend survival in some of the most aggressive forms of cancer. We are very grateful for their support of the brain tumour community and for being a national sponsor of the 2022 Brain Tumour Walk Program.

**novocure®**

To make connections and create spaces for potential 2023 in-person events, 9 pit stops were implemented across Canada in collaboration with our local Brain Tumour Walk Coordinators! These pit stops gave walk participants the opportunity to meet face-to-face with their local coordinators, volunteers and in some cases, local researchers!

We are grateful to all Brain Tumour Walk participants, sponsors, volunteers, and donors.

You have touched so many lives – THANK YOU!

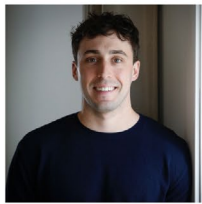
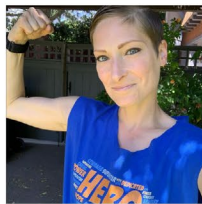
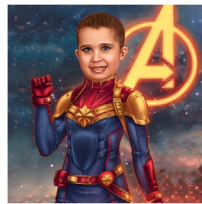
**Registration for the Brain Tumour Walk will open in January 2023. [www.braintumourwalk.ca](http://www.braintumourwalk.ca)**

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**I am walking in memory of my father who passed so tragically and in such a short time of an inoperable brain tumour. In 1987, there weren't the medical advances we have today. Thanks to the Brain Tumour Foundation, I can do my part to keep the memory alive of those we've lost.**

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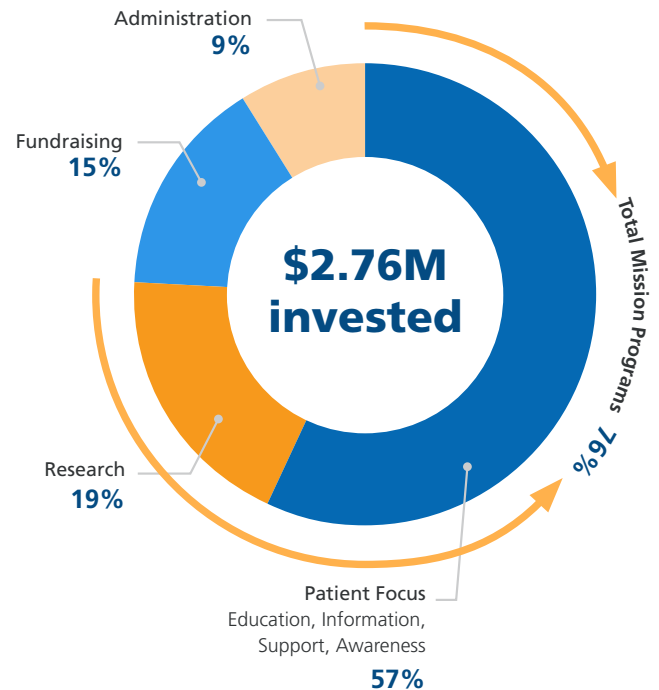


# Your 2021 Hope in Action!

## YOUR IMPACT...

**\$524,886 invested in research including:**

- 2 Research Fellowships
- 3 Research Studentships
- 6 Research Grants (2 pediatric, 2 glioblastoma and 2 quality of life grants)
- 2 Pediatric Feature Grants
- Brain Tumour Tissue Bank
- Brain Tumour Registry of Canada
- Brain Tumour Funders Collaborative
- The Pam and Rolando Del Maestro Family Undergraduate Student Research Competition Awards



**8**

childhood brain tumour survivors were awarded Youth Education Awards

**4**

Health Care Professional (HCP) Professional Development Awards

**1,000**

people received support through the virtual support group program

**3,800+**

people received support through 6 Private Facebook Support Groups

**6,100+**

handbooks were distributed in both languages

**570+**

people participated in our webinar series

**36,400+**

social fans and followers



Four years ago, Megan Cavender was wheeled into the OR at St. Michael's Hospital, where her team of amazing doctors and nurses removed a 10mm x 16mm brain tumour. Since then, Megan creates these adorable bunnies which she donates to children affected by brain tumours or sells to raise funds for our organization. Thank you, Megan, for everything you do!

**“ I am a member of the Neurosurgery staff at the Health Sciences Centre. Myself and my team are walking in honour of our patient's past, present and future! ”**

**– Tessa S., Paradise NL**



## YOU GAVE...

### ANNUAL PROGRAM:

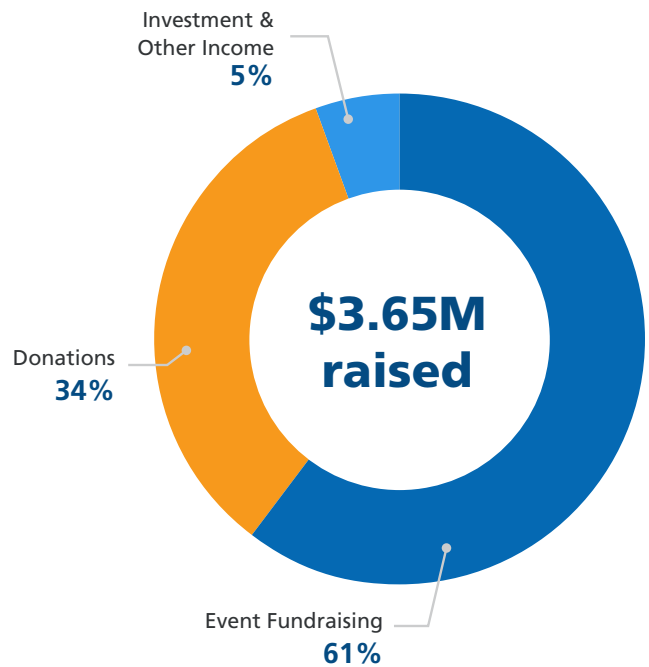
**\$1,245,190 through our annual program, as follows:**

- \$675,869 to advance our mission
- \$167,660 through grants and sponsorships
- \$346,224 donated in tribute
- \$55,437 Legacy of Hope bequests

### BRAIN TUMOUR WALK:

**\$1,596,012 raised – 46% of our fundraised revenue:**

- 2,893 participants
- 477 teams
- 37 businesses sponsored a Brain Tumour Walk in their community and
- 1 hashtag sponsor!



### COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**\$613,833 raised by 33 community events, including:**

**407**

Facebook Fundraisers

**5,000**

Hats for Hope toques purchased



“ As co-founder of the Taite Boomer Memorial Brain Tumor Foundation, I’m walking in memory of Taite Boomer, who developed a brain tumor at the age of 20 and succumbed to it before turning 21. We believe that in order to promote and fund further research on brain tumors, we need to bring more awareness to brain cancer and its many forms. ”

– Katelyn P., Edmonton

# A Creative Community of Amazing Fundraisers

## YOUR WAY TO #ENDBRAINTUMOURS



Due to the ongoing impact of varying pandemic gathering restrictions across the country, we continued to feel the impact in the total number of community events hosted by individuals, businesses, schools, and organizations. However, we saw an increase in the total dollars raised through Community Events in 2021 as compared to 2020! In 2021, \$613,833 were raised reflecting an increase of \$137,558 from the prior year.

The Community Events program used the same new fundraising platform as the Brain Tumour Walk website. This platform helps people to raise funds 'Your Way'.



Launched in mid-April 2021, the platform raised \$122,882.64 through a mix of events and items sold with the proceeds directed to Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. For the past two years, Angelina Simmons has dedicated a 'Your Way' page to her event, the CEFA SUPERKIDS RUN!

**Learn more at**  
[www.EndBrainTumours.ca](http://www.EndBrainTumours.ca).

## FACEBOOK FUNDRAISERS



Facebook Fundraisers also increased in 2021. In 2020, 364 Facebook events raised \$94,010 compared to 407 Facebook events which raised \$144,465 in 2021!

Thank you to all our community event organizers and fundraisers! Despite a pandemic, you continued to find creative and impactful ways to put hope into action for the brain tumour community. Learn more about Facebook Fundraisers at [www.facebook.com/fundraisers](https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers).



## CREATING A WILL SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE COMPLICATED.

We have partnered with Willfora, allowing you to create a legal Will online in approximately 20 minutes, at no cost to you. (Please note that this service is currently not available to those in the Territories or Quebec)

Learn More: [www.braintumour.ca/ways-to-give/legacy-giving](http://www.braintumour.ca/ways-to-give/legacy-giving)

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**My Mom had a large tumour removed in 2008. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada has given her, and our family so much to be thankful for.**

**– Hunter F., Victoria**

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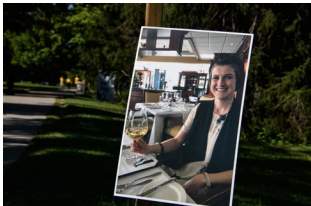


## DUNN WITH CANCER



The DUNN with Cancer Research Fund was established in 2020 in memory of Allison Dunn, a mother of three, who was diagnosed with glioblastoma on February 18, 2020. Allison's diagnosis was unexpected, as over a two-week period she went from hiking with her children to

being told she had an inoperable tumour with an average life-expectancy of 18 months. When chemotherapy and radiation treatments had minimal impacts, Allison passed away peacefully on June 17, 2020, 4 months less a day after the tumour was discovered.



Determined to fund research and foster innovation, the DUNN with Cancer Research Fund has funded several research projects that are focused on improving the quality of life of those diagnosed in the hopes of one day finding a cure for this terrible disease.

In 2020 and 2021, DUNN with Cancer has funded two Feature Grants, one Fellowship and one Research Grant, which have led to additional funding opportunities in 2022.

Raising over \$450,000 the first two years, the 3rd Annual DUNN with Cancer run will take place at Springbank Park in London, Ontario, on September 17, 2022.

We are very grateful for the DUNN with Cancer Research Fund's continued support and partnership!

"It is a great honor to receive a research grant from Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. This funding will allow our team to optimize and validate our fluorescent chemo sensor technology so that we can ultimately help clinicians choose the most effective drugs for glioblastoma patients." – Andrew Beharry (DUNN with Cancer Research Grant Recipient)



**Learn more at [www.dunnwithcancer.com](http://www.dunnwithcancer.com).**



**I am a recent brain tumour survivor and the resources provided by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada have been a great help to me. Keep up the amazing work!**



**– Daniel**

# Our Brain Tumour Research Grants and Initiatives

Our vision is to find the cause of and a cure for brain tumours while improving the quality of life for those affected. Thanks to donors and sponsors, we offer various brain tumour research grant opportunities for researchers.

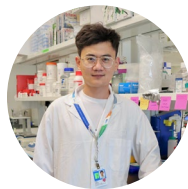
## FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



**Adrian Levine** – Resident Physician, Neuropathology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver General Hospital, BC

**Project Title:** *“Improving Precision Medicine for Pediatric Gliomas”*

*Generously funded by the Richard Motyka Brain Tumour Research Fellowship.*



**Xian Wang** – Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON

**Project Title:** *“Targeted mechanical ablation of glioblastoma using spatiotemporally controlled magnetic carbon nanotubes”*

*Generously funded by the DUNN with Cancer Research Fund.*

## PEDIATRIC FEATURE GRANT RECIPIENTS



**Cynthia Hawkins** – Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON

**Project Title:** *“Investigating treatment targets in the DIPG immune landscape using single cell technology”*



**Leandra Desjardins / Marco Bonanno** – Sainte-Justine Children’s Hospital, Montreal, QC

**Project Title:** *“Targeted transition readiness workshops for pediatric brain tumour survivors: Feasibility and preliminary efficacy”*

## VIRTUAL BRAIN TUMOUR RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS RESEARCH COMPETITION

This research competition is an opportunity for students to showcase their work to other scientists, researchers, and professionals. Join us for the Virtual Brain Tumour Research Symposium and Undergrad Student Research Competition on Saturday, October 1, 2022! Register now at [www.braintumour.ca/research/featured-projects](http://www.braintumour.ca/research/featured-projects).



## BRAIN TUMOUR REGISTRY: MAKING SURE EVERY BRAIN TUMOUR COUNTS

A new Brain Tumour Registry Survival and Prevalence Report is now available! Funded by the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, the goal of this registry is to provide comprehensive data on the incidence, prevalence, mortality, and survival rates for all primary brain tumours, to better understand the patterns of occurrence and survival. This data helps guide Canadian research, raise awareness, secure government funding, and develop support programs. Download our latest report at [www.braintumourregistry.ca](http://www.braintumourregistry.ca).

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**I am walking in honour of my fiancé Andrew who was diagnosed with an oligodendroglioma II in March of 2019. We both believe there are medical breakthroughs waiting to be discovered that will help those suffering from a brain tumour and want to help raise funds and awareness to make research possible!**

”

– Katherine H., St. Catherines



## RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS



**Andrew Beharry** – University of Toronto, Mississauga, ON

Project Title: *“Predicting Temozolomide Resistance in Glioblastoma using an Activity based Fluorescent chemosensor for MGMT”*

*Generously funded by the DUNN with Cancer Research Fund.*



**Alan Nichol** – BC Cancer, British Columbia

Project Title: *“The Relationship between Magnetic Resonance Imaging White Matter Hyper intensities and Cognition after Whole Brain Radiotherapy”*

*Funded through the generosity of donors.*



**Rolando Del Maestro** – Neurosurgical Simulation and Artificial Intelligence Learning Centre, McGill University, Montreal, QC

Project Title: *“A Randomized Controlled Trial to Assess the Efficacy of Expert Benchmark Feedback Systems in Simulated Brain Tumour Resection Training”*

*Funded through the generosity of donors.*



**Mary Jane Lim-Fat** – Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, ON

Project Title: *“Assessing molecular, clinical and imaging predictors of response, quality of life measures and neurocognitive outcomes in young patients with low grade glioma undergoing multimodality therapy”*

*Funded through the generosity of donors.*



**Daniel Schramek** – Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute, Toronto, ON

Project Title: *“Elucidating the genes that trigger malignant progression of low-grade glioma to lethal glioblastoma”*

*Generously funded by Lori Stauber.*



**Chantel Cacciotti** – London Health Sciences Centre - Children's Hospital, London, ON

Project Title: *“Pediatric Bithalamic Glioma: A comprehensive clinical, radiological, pathological and molecular characterization”*

*Funded through the generosity of donors.*

## STUDENTSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Aiyireti (Dina) Dilinaer** – Undergraduate Science Student, University of Windsor, ON

Project Title: *“Self-Immolative NanoCapsule – A New Form of Drug Delivery for Glioblastoma Multiforme”*

*Generously funded by Jack Nichol Family Fund (London Community Foundation).*



**Yujin Suk** – Medical Student, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

Project Title: *“Identification of ITGA5 as a novel immunotherapeutic target against treatment refractory medulloblastoma”*

*Generously funded by Jack Nichol Family Fund (London Community Foundation).*



**Leonaes Brahel Tatchinda Kuete** – Undergraduate Science Student, McGill University, Montreal, QC

Project Title: *“Understanding Social Behaviors in Pediatric Brain Tumour Survivors”*

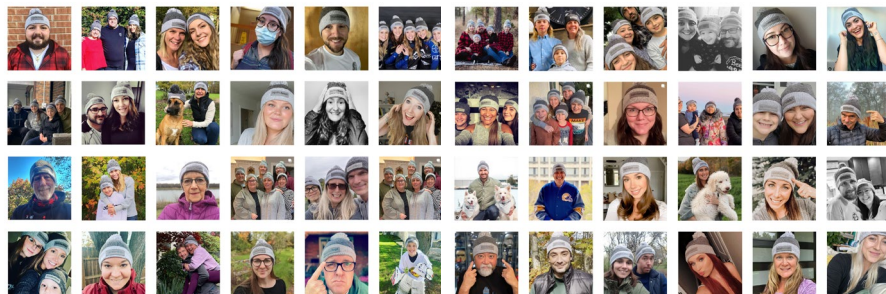
*Generously funded by Taite Boomer Foundation.*

**For more information on our Brain Tumour Research Grant Recipients, visit [www.braintumour.ca/research\\_recipients](http://www.braintumour.ca/research_recipients).**

**“ I lost my dad to a brain tumour in 1997 and in 2004, our daughter was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour. Twelve years after the end of her treatment, the tumour reoccurred. She responded well to the chemo and currently is well. We are grateful to Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada for the work they are doing to help support research in the hope of finding a cure. ”**

**– Beth C., Fredericton**

# We Tip our Toques to You, Canada!



Hat by hat and toque by toque Canada rallied together on Sunday, October 24, 2021, for the 4th Annual Brain Cancer Awareness Day, bringing hope to our community. The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness for brain cancer. We asked everyone to wear a hat, take a photo and share it on social media using the hashtag #HatsForHope.

We were overwhelmed with hope and excitement as thousands of posts flooded our social media feeds, with the campaign reaching over 6 million people online that day. For the third year in a row, and with the help of our partner New Era Grafix Inc., we sold 5,000 custom Hats For Hope toques with proceeds coming back to the Foundation!

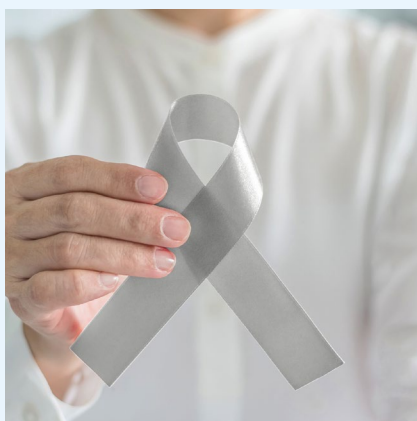
Over the past four years, these toques have become a symbol of community, resilience, remembrance, and most importantly hope for those affected. Along with posts from the public, we had a significant amount of participation from many Canadian influencers, including our national spokesperson, rising pop star Vivian Hicks, whose personal story touched so many.

We would like to thank everyone who joined the Hats For Hope movement on October 24, 2021. Thanks to you, we raised a total of \$70,000 and reached over 6 million people online.

Mark your calendar for October 24, 2022 and watch for this year's toque!

Visit [www.hatsforhope.ca](http://www.hatsforhope.ca).

## HELP RAISE AWARENESS FOR BRAIN TUMOURS!



There are multiple ways you can help raise awareness for brain tumours throughout the year.

**Brain Tumour Awareness Month:** May is Brain Tumour Awareness Month in Canada. Help us #TurnMayGrey in 2023 to #EndBrainTumours.

**World Brain Tumour Awareness Day:** June 8 is World Brain Tumour Awareness Day. Follow @BrainTumourFdn on social media for special awareness-raising social media activity.

**Brain Cancer Awareness Day:** October 24 is Brain Cancer Awareness Day in Canada. Help us raise awareness by participating in our #HatsForHope campaign. [www.hatsforhope.ca](http://www.hatsforhope.ca)

**International Brain Tumour Awareness Week:** The 16th International Brain Tumour Awareness Week will be held from Saturday, October 29 to Saturday, November 5, 2022.

Learn how to get involved at [www.braintumour.ca/get-involved/raising-awareness](http://www.braintumour.ca/get-involved/raising-awareness).

“ In 2019, I was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Now fast forward two years, I get the news my tumour has regrown. I am currently recovering from my second brain surgery. We want to raise awareness to stop this disease! ”

– Katherine S., Kitchener



# Honoring our Amazing Volunteers

## DAVID KELLY AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE



The David Kelly Award for Community Service is awarded annually to an individual who exemplifies the spirit of community service in support of the brain tumour community

in Canada. Congratulations to the 2021 David Kelly Award recipient, Danielle Froio-King!

**"Being a brain tumour patient myself, I first shared my own personal story of HOPE with the foundation in 2015 after my first brain surgery. Over the years, I have become an active member in the brain tumour community through various fundraisers, walk initiatives, the SUPERKIDS program and webinars. Not only is it an absolute honour to be this year's recipient of the David Kelly Award, but even more meaningful receiving an award following closely in my father's footsteps."**

**– Danielle Froio-King, volunteer**

## VOLUNTEER OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Our Volunteer of Distinction Awards are given every year to volunteers who embody the spirit of volunteerism. They are leaders and ambassadors who give freely of their time and energy to help reach every Canadian affected by a brain tumour through advocacy, research, information, support and education. Congratulations to the 2021 Volunteer of Distinction Awards recipients!



### Alicia Grace

Alicia first became involved with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada in 2019 and participated in her first in-person walk in Sudbury. In 2020 she met Danielle, another volunteer award winner who introduced her to us. When she learned about our SUPERKIDS program, she immediately knew it was something she wanted to be a part of. Alicia continues to volunteer with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.



### Jaclyn Cross

This is Jaclyn's 7<sup>th</sup> year as a Volunteer Coordinator for the Brain Tumour Walk. Five of those years were on the Victoria Brain Tumour Walk Committee on the west coast. 2021 is her second year as the Halifax Brain Tumour Walk Coordinator on the east coast of Canada.



### Cindy Wilson

Cindy became involved with our Ajax support group after her good friend, Lesley Ann Senior, was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Lesley had to undergo many surgeries. Cindy became an invaluable member of the support group, not only supporting Lesley but others as well. Cindy eventually became the Ajax support group facilitator.



### Kathy Gélinas

Kathy started volunteering for Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada when the GOcervo pediatric program was launched in Quebec in 2018. Her fondest memory is her first meeting with the GOcervo families at the Quebec Aquarium.

## HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

The Health Care Professional Awards were created in 2020 to recognize individuals in the healthcare field that have shown exemplary and compassionate care to the brain tumour community. Congratulations to our 2021 Health Care Professional Award recipients!



### Dr. Valérie Larouche

From the first meetings with our organization, Dr. Larouche understood how Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada could make a difference to help support patients with brain tumours and their families. That is why she takes the time to present our organization to the families and shares our resources with each family she meets in pediatric neuro-oncology at the CHU de Québec.



### Dr. Adrianna Ranger

Dr. Ranger has long been a friend of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. A past board member, past Chair of Research, current Research Committee member and well-respected pediatric neurosurgeon at Children's Hospital, LHSC. Adrianna not only cares for our pediatric patients and their families, but she also attends our research symposiums, judges our student competition, and provides guidance to undergraduate students.

**Learn more about our Volunteer Award Recipients at**  
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### **Vision:**

To find the cause of and cure for brain tumours while improving the quality of life for those affected.



### **Mission:**

To reach every person in Canada who is affected by a brain tumour through support, education, information, and research.

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### **Values:**

These values inform everything that we do to create impact and meaning for the brain tumour community in Canada:

**Hope, Caring,  
Integrity,  
Accountability  
and Collaboration**

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