

## Annual Kitchener-Waterloo Brain Tumour Walk Returns for its 18<sup>th</sup> Year

*"I know that my every day and every moment are so important, and as a family, we realized how precious life is."*

KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ON, May 30, 2019 – On Saturday, June 8, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada returns to Kitchener-Waterloo for its annual Brain Tumour Walk. Joining this year's event is Stephanie Dorian, who was newly married and pregnant with her first child when she was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

"Survivors like Stephanie and their families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, and for 18 years we've had the privilege to walk with this incredible group of people affected by an often-devastating disease," says Susan Marshall, CEO.

Stephanie had been living with debilitating headaches when she was diagnosed with a brain tumour and recalls how life came to a halt when given the news she needed to undergo immediate surgery to remove the mass – an especially frightening prospect since she was pregnant with her son.

Part of what helped Stephanie and her family through her operation and subsequent recovery was the support from Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, including their participation in the Walk event. "I have been so honoured to walk alongside Brain Tumour Foundation all these years," Stephanie explains. "It's important we continue to bring awareness to such a terrible disease – one that's taken many dear faces that have been in my life but also given me the chance to be here today – and to ensure there's always help available for anyone affected."

**What:** Kitchener-Waterloo Brain Tumour Walk

**When:** Saturday, June 8, 2019

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

**Where:** Waterloo Park, 50 Young Street W. (entrance off Father David Bauer Drive)

**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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