

## 15th Annual Saskatoon Brain Tumour Walk

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SASKATOON, SK, May 22, 2019 – On Sunday, June 2, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada returns to Saskatoon for its 15th annual Brain Tumour Walk. Joining this year's event is team *Doing It For Diana!*, led by the Sproat family walking in support of wife and mother, Diana, who is a two-time brain cancer survivor.

"Survivors and their caregivers and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, and for 15 years we've had the privilege to walk with this incredible group of people affected by an often-devastating disease," says Susan Marshall, CEO.

While out for her regular morning run in June 2017, Diana experienced stroke-like symptoms and was rushed to a local ER. What was discovered after a CT scan, changed Diana's and her family's life immediately: the images showed a mass on Diana's brain and she was quickly transferred to a neurosurgery unit that same day. Removing the cancerous tumour was not an option due to its location, so chemotherapy and radiation were the course of action. Unfortunately, and despite several stable MRIs and more than a year of treatment, another tumour was found in Diana's brain in November 2018. This time, however, it was operable, and Diana underwent brain surgery and additional high-dose radiation. Today, Diana manages side effects from these treatments, including memory loss, balance issues and troubles with her speech, but her daughter, Chaela, says these major changes haven't stifled her mother's spirit or smile. On June 2, Chaela wants to celebrate and recognize the strength and courage of the brain tumour community, explaining why she has joined the Walk event. "I hope to show my mom and others who have been diagnosed with brain tumours that they are not fighting alone."

**What:** Saskatoon Brain Tumour Walk

**When:** Sunday, June 2, 2019

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

**Where:** Archibald Arena, 1410 Windsor 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 \$6.9 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 the Sproat family or for details about the 15th Saskatoon Brain Tumour Walk:**

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