

## **Media Release**



## **Annual Winnipeg Brain Tumour Walk Returns on June 22**

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WINNIPEG, MB, June 3, 2019 – On Saturday, June 22, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada returns to Winnipeg for its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Brain Tumour Walk. Joining this year's event is Catherine Wreford, a brain cancer survivor who was once told she only had between two and six years to live. That was six years ago.

"Survivors, like Catherine, and their families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, and for 14 years we've had the privilege to walk with this incredible group of people affected by an often-devastating disease," says Susan Marshall, CEO.

Catherine was first diagnosed with a large anaplastic astrocytoma brain tumour in June 2013, barely one month after giving birth to her second child. A cancerous tumour – bigger than the size of a fist – was the last thing the new mom thought she was dealing with, chalking up her significant weight loss, dizziness and headaches to being postpartum.

Brain surgery, six weeks of radiation and four kinds of chemotherapy followed Catherine's diagnosis and today, the accomplished dancer and mom of two wants to show people that this disease doesn't define her. "Nothing's going to change if we don't talk openly about brain tumours," Catherine explains. "I want people to know that brain cancer doesn't stop me – I don't want to let this stop me or anyone else affected."

What: Winnipeg Brain Tumour Walk

When: Saturday, June 22, 2019Registration: 8:30amSurvivor Photo: 9:45am

Opening Ceremonies: 9:50am; Walk Begins: 10:00am
Where: Assiniboine Park Conservatory Tent, 55 Pavilion Crescent

**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: <a href="https://www.BrainTumour.ca">www.BrainTumour.ca</a>.

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