

Every day, 27 Canadians are diagnosed with a brain tumour

Belleville survivors, families and friends raising funds and awareness for brain tumour research and patient programs

Belleville, ON – Every hour of every day, more than one Canadian learns they have a brain tumour. It's a diagnosis that changes life in an instant – for the patient and their loved ones. This weekend, Belleville area brain tumour patients, survivors, their family and friends are coming together for the annual Spring Sprint. The event is run by a dedicated group of local volunteers determined to improve the lives of those affected by a brain tumour. The Belleville event is part of the national effort by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada to raise funds and awareness about brain tumours.

With teams like *Brainy Bunch*, *Amy's Pack* and *Lacing up for Lori*, 100 people will gather in Zwick Centennial Park as part of the movement to end brain tumours.

All funds raised by the Belleville Spring Sprint go towards programming like the local support group and resources including handbooks and a storybook. Funds also go towards critical brain tumour research. "Supporting patients and families and searching for the cause of and a cure for brain tumours is our focus," explains Carl Cadogan, Chief Executive Officer of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.

About Belleville Spring Sprint

When: Saturday, May 23, 2015; Opening ceremonies: 9:45am

Where: Zwick Centennial Park

What: 2.5km or 5km walk/fun run to raise funds and awareness for brain tumours

To register or learn more: www.springsprint.ca

About Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada offers hope to those affected through education and a national network of support programs. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada also funds brain tumour research through annual grants, fellowships and research studentships. All activities are supported solely by the dedication and determination of donors - individuals, corporate sponsors and foundations. Since the organization's founding in 1982, more than \$4 million has been directed to brain tumour research. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's website: www.BrainTumour.ca.

About the Belleville Spring Sprint – Why do we walk?

Belleville Spring Sprint is part of the national movement to end brain tumours. In 2015 there are walks taking place from Victoria to Halifax. The national goal is to raise \$1.7 million. By signing up and fundraising as part of a brain tumour walk, patients, survivors, family and friends support the specialized programs and resources that empower patients to be their own best health care advocates and fund the ground-breaking research that will find a cure for the disease.

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For further information or to coordinate attendance at the event, contact:

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