

### October is Brain Tumour Awareness Month

*Brain tumours are stealing lives and help is needed*

**London, ON** – This month, 837 Canadians will hear the words, “you have a brain tumour.” And they will add their voice to the 55,000 survivors across this country desperate for an increase in awareness of this little-known disease. This is significant because October is Brain Tumour Awareness Month in Canada.

Brain tumours are silent and sneaky thieves stealing personalities, livelihoods, abilities – and ultimately, far too often, lives. The impact of this disease and the burden it places on patients and families from the moment of diagnosis is the focus of a new campaign spearheaded by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.

Carl Cadogan, CEO of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada explains the significance of this new approach to public awareness, “It’s time we start to really talk about the impact this disease has on patients and their families. From the moment of diagnosis, patients and families feel a loss. The thief that is a brain tumour takes independence, financial stability and every day, five lives in Canada. Brain Tumour Awareness Month is an important opportunity for the voices of those we connect with every day, to be heard.”

Because there is currently no known cause, Brain Tumour Awareness Month is also an important opportunity to share the signs and symptoms of the disease.

#### Signs and Symptoms of a Brain Tumour

The following is a list of common symptoms which, alone or combined, can be caused by a brain tumour (malignant or non-malignant). Anyone experiencing symptoms should contact their doctor.

- Double or blurred vision
- Frequent headaches
- Hearing impairment
- Morning nausea and vomiting
- Seizures
- Weakness or paralysis
- Behavioural changes
- Cognitive changes
- Dizziness or unsteadiness

To learn more about Brain Tumour Awareness Month, please visit [www.BrainTumour.ca/BTAM](http://www.BrainTumour.ca/BTAM)

#### About Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is the only national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to reaching every Canadian affected by a brain tumour through support, education, information and research. Every year, thousands of people affected by brain tumours find emotional support and comfort through Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, while gaining a better understanding and knowledge of their disease. There are an estimated 55,000 currently living with a brain tumour. Since the early days of the organization in 1982, it has been our vision to find the cause of and cure for brain tumours while improving the quality of life for those affected. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is funded solely through generous contributions from individuals, corporations, organizations, employee groups and special events. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada’s website: [www.BrainTumour.ca](http://www.BrainTumour.ca).

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