

Media Alert

**We believe that people affected by brain tumours should never walk alone.
This June in Kitchener and Waterloo, they won't!**

Kitchener-Waterloo, ON, June 6, 2017 – In this 35th Anniversary year, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada will be returning to Kitchener-Waterloo for its 16th annual Brain Tumour Walk, a unique opportunity to celebrate survivors, honour and remember those who have passed away, and raise awareness about this devastating disease. Run by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and local volunteers, this event will raise money for programs, services, and life-changing research. The fundraising goal for Kitchener and Waterloo's Brain Tumour Walk is \$75,000, which has already been surpassed!

"Patients and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. The Brain Tumour Walk will support the hundreds of people in the Kitchener-Waterloo area affected by a brain tumour diagnosis and we're so thrilled to see the excitement and support ramp up for this event," says CEO, Susan Marshall. "Together we make a real difference in the lives of those affected by brain tumours."

Media Availability/Photo Opportunity:

- **What:** A celebration of hope, perseverance, and the beauty of community that has been 35 years in the making!
- **Availability:** Dave Tidd, survivor and Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada Ambassador
- **Where:** Waterloo Park, 90 Westmount Rd N (Westmount Rd Entrance), Waterloo ON
- **When:** Sunday, June 11, 2017: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- **Survivor Photo:** 9:45 am
- **Opening Ceremonies begin:** 9:50 am
- **Walk begins:** 10:00 am

About Dave Tidd (Brain Tumour Walk Ambassador, survivor):

Dave is a father, a husband, and a brain tumour survivor with reason to celebrate. In 2014, Dave was diagnosed with an acoustic neuroma, a brain tumour that affects the nerves responsible for hearing and balance. "My wife, Natalie, was expecting our second child and we were both busy with careers. We didn't have time for a brain tumour, but it quickly consumed our lives," he recalls. After weeks of daily appointments and postponed operations, Dave underwent thirteen hours of surgery to remove the tumour pressing on his brain. Recovery consisted of days in the ICU, weeks in the hospital, and months of rehabilitation and radiation therapy, but he never gave up! Now, three years later, there are daily reminders that some of Dave's tumour still remains. From dizziness and hearing loss, to challenges with simple tasks like writing, running, and throwing a ball, Dave insists that "all of these effects are gladly accepted given what could have been." An example of strength and determination, Dave has generously volunteered his time with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, as they work together to bring hope to Canadians affected by this disease.

"2016 was our first Brain Tumour Walk as a family, and we hope to make it an ongoing tradition. This event is a good reminder to celebrate life, while simultaneously raising funds for a cause that hits close to home." – Dave Tidd

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To schedule an interview with Dave Tidd or for further information about the 2017 Brain Tumour Walk events, please contact:

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