

Media Alert

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

London, ON, May 6, 2017 – In this 35th Anniversary year, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada will be returning to Victoria Park for the 24th 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 London's Brain Tumour Walk is \$200,000.

"Patients and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. The Brain Tumour Walk will support the hundreds of people in London 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 Robertson, survivor and Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada Ambassador
- **Where:** Victoria Park, 509 Clarence St, London 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 Robertson (London Brain Tumour Walk Ambassador, brain tumour survivor):

Dave Robertson is a father, a husband, and a brain tumour survivor with a passion for giving back to the community. In May of 2015, Dave checked into the hospital with a headache, expecting to be sent home with run-of-the-mill pain medication. Instead, doctors informed him that the headaches, nausea, and bouts of memory loss he had been ignoring were – in fact – much more serious: "We are admitting you to hospital, you have a brain tumour." Diagnosed with a grade III hemangiopericytoma, Dave underwent surgery less than a week later. "Cancer doesn't discriminate," he likes to say. "Old, young, it's not too picky some days. You only really have one choice, and that is that you are going to get through this." This year, Dave has generously volunteered his time with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. Together, they endeavour to bring hope to the brain tumour community, not only in London, but across all of Canada.

"Having a brain tumour, it's a tough spot in life, but there is a lot of support around you too. For me, the Brain Tumour Walk in London is a celebration of all we have been through, and it brings a lot of positive energy for the future!" – Dave Robertson

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

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