

## Media Alert

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

Vancouver, BC – In this 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada will be returning to Vancouver for its 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Vancouver's Brain Tumour Walk is \$45,000.

"Patients and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. The Brain Tumour Walk will support all of the people in Vancouver 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:** Meagan Doumont, survivor and Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada Ambassador
- **Where:** Burnaby Lake Rugby Club, 3760 Sperling Ave, Burnaby BC
- **When:** Sunday, June 25, 2017: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Survivor Photo:** 10:30 am
- **Opening Ceremonies begin:** 10:30 am
- **Walk begins:** 11:00 am

### About Meagan Doumont:

Meagan Doumont is a neonatal ICU nurse with a unique perspective on what it means to both care for and be cared for by others. Meagan's journey began with hearing loss, balance troubles, and migraine headaches, which lead doctors to the golf-ball-sized mass that was putting pressure on her brainstem. Diagnosed with an acoustic neuroma – a non-malignant brain tumour that affects the nerves responsible for hearing and balance – Meagan's treatment options were limited to surgery. Four months post-op, Meagan continues to navigate the ups and downs of recovery. Off balance, completely deaf in one ear, and struggling with near-constant nausea, somehow Meagan finds strength and gratitude where others might not: "Although I have a long road of physical and emotional healing ahead, I feel truly blessed. The tumour was found, it was fully removed, and I have faith in knowing that something very positive will come out of this experience," she says. Now, Meagan generously volunteers her time with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada as they work together to find the cause of and cure for brain tumours.



"As I navigate (very wobbly I might add) through life's challenges, I have realized that I am not alone. My team and I welcome anybody who would like to join us on behalf of those in British Columbia who are struggling with a brain tumour. I am part of the movement to end brain tumours and I hope you'll join me in this Canada-wide effort to put a stop to this disease!" – Meagan Doumont



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