

18th Annual Brampton Brain Tumour Walk

Brampton teen starts awareness campaign after her mom's brain tumour diagnosis

BRAMPTON, ON, May 22, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Brampton on Sunday, May 27, 2018 in support of anyone affected by a brain tumour. This annual fundraiser brings hope to the estimated 55,000 Canadians living with a brain tumour and the dozens more who are diagnosed each day.

"Patients and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and we want them to know they are not alone. Together we walk to raise awareness about this often devastating disease and to let our community know we are to help," says Susan Marshall, CEO.

With more than 120 types of tumours, they are complex and can be difficult to treat. Symptoms can range from hearing loss to hormonal problems. Brain tumours can also affect vision, memory, balance and mobility.

Shreya Gandhi was only four when she watched her mom, Leena, become very sick from a brain tumour and undergo five surgeries and rehabilitation to regain basic skills for daily living.

"I walk in honour of my mom because she is an example of the constant strength and determination that one must embody to surpass any obstacle posed towards them," says Gandhi, now 18.

Inspired by her mom, Gandhi founded Project X, an awareness campaign for youth to raise brain tumour awareness. It is the first year, Project X, now comprised of 80 high school students, will be part of the 2018 Brampton Brain Tumour Walk.

"The walk is an event that symbolizes the power of comradery, faith, and patience; the togetherness of a community that is stronger and more powerful when fighting together," says Gandhi.

Her efforts and those of thousands of other participants support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's specialized resources, support programs and to fund research grants to find the cause of and cure for brain tumours.

What: Brampton Brain Tumour Walk

When: Sunday, May 27, 2018 (9:45 am Survivor Photo, 9:50 am Ceremony, 10 am Walk Start)

Where: Professors Lake Park, 1660 N Park Dr., Brampton

About the Brain Tumour Walks

By fundraising as part of a Brain Tumour Walk, patients, survivors, family and friends join the nationwide movement to end brain tumours. For more than two decades, Brain Tumour Walks have been the community event to bring together thousands of Canadians in tribute to and in memory of people affected by a brain tumour. **For more information about the 20+ Brain Tumour Walks taking place across Canada in 2018, visit www.BrainTumourWalk.ca.**



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About Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada: Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is the only national charity offering information and support to patients affected by any kind of brain tumour – be it cancerous, non-malignant or metastases. The organization funds ground-breaking research across North America and, since 1982, has dedicated over \$6.2 million to finding a cure and improving treatment for brain tumour survivors. 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.

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