

24th Annual Calgary Brain Tumour Walk

Brain tumour patient raises funds to support his surgeon's research

CALGARY, AB, May 28, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Calgary on Saturday, June 2, 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.

Caanan Grall, of Calgary, suffered debilitating seizures that caused him to lose feeling in his right leg and fall over before his egg-sized brain tumour was discovered. He joined the Brain Tumour Walk to help raise funds for researchers, like his neurosurgeon Dr. John Kelly, who has received a research grant from Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.

"The walk is to raise funds for brain tumour research and is a way for survivors and caregivers to get together and feel less alone in their diagnosis, treatment and journey," says Grall. "Our goal for the day is \$160,000."

Grall's efforts and those of thousands of other participants also support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's specialized resources, support programs and advocacy efforts across the country.

What: Calgary Brain Tumour Walk

When: Saturday, June 2, 2018 (9:45 a.m. Survivor Photo, 9:50 a.m. Ceremony, 10 a.m. Walk)

Where: Edworthy Park, 5050 Spruce Dr., SW, Calgary

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.**

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



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