

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Kitchener-Waterloo Brain Tumour Walk

*A day to celebrate, reflect and be together*

**Kitchener-Waterloo, ON, June 1, 2018** – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Waterloo on Sunday, June 10, 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.

Traci Chambers knows this all too well. She battles vertigo, balance issues and hearing loss, but also a lot of difficult emotions living with a brain tumour.

“Receiving a diagnosis of a rare brain tumour was overwhelming. I was unsure of what to expect,” she says. “I found myself withdrawing from family and friends and was quite down.”

She found hope when she connected with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and provided resources and support to help her through her journey. Now, she participates in the Brain Tumour Walk to support the foundation and entire brain tumour community.

“I walk to support and celebrate other survivors and caregivers that are walking, and to remember those that lost their lives to this disease. It’s a reminder that we are not on this journey alone,” says Chambers.

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

**What:** Kitchener-Waterloo Brain Tumour Walk

**When:** Sunday, June 10, 2018 (9:45 am Survivor Photo, 9:50 am Ceremony, 10 am Walk)

**Where:** Waterloo Park, 95 Westmount Rd N, Waterloo

### About the Brain Tumour Walk events

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 Walk events 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 Walk events taking place across Canada in 2018, visit [www.BrainTumourWalk.ca](http://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](http://www.BrainTumour.ca).

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