

5th Annual North Bay Brain Tumour Walk

Local brain tumour survivor pushes for more awareness for earlier diagnosis

NORTH BAY, ON, May 28, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in North Bay on Sunday, June 3, 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.

Colin Byham knows this all too well. The 42-year-old had to relearn how to walk after losing mobility immediately after surgery to remove a tumour in the control centre of his brain. He spent months in rehabilitation, before starting radiation for an aggressive regrowth in 2013.

Now, Byham participates in the Brain Tumour Walk, he describes as a demonstration of hope and community, to raise more awareness and to help find a cure.

“Today, 27 people are being diagnosed with a brain tumour. Some will be told by their family physician, some in the emergency room in a life-threatening situation. We need more awareness on diagnosing quickly and finding a cure,” says Byham.

His efforts and those of thousands of others support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada’s specialized resources, support programs, advocacy efforts and fund critical research for better patient care and ultimately to find the cause of and cure for brain tumours.

What: North Bay Brain Tumour Walk

When: Sunday, June 3, 2018 (9:45 a.m. Survivor Photo, 9:50 a.m. Ceremony, 10 a.m. Walk)

Where: Discovery North Bay Museum, 100 Ferguson St., North Bay

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



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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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