

First Brain Tumour Walk Comes to Whitehorse on June 15

"It's helped me realize I am not alone on this journey."

WHITEHORSE, YT, June 4, 2019 – On Saturday, June 15, 2019, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is coming to Whitehorse for its first official Brain Tumour Walk at Rotary Peace Park. Leading this year's event is Dayna Magnuson, a brain tumour survivor who recently finished 28 rounds of radiation and is on chemotherapy to treat the cancer first discovered in 2018.

"Survivors like Dayna and their families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, and we're so grateful for the privilege to walk with this incredible group of people affected by an often-devastating disease," says Susan Marshall, CEO.

Looking back, Dayna recalls that she assumed the brain tumour symptoms she had were due to other health concerns or stress from day-to-day life, indicators like hearing loss, memory loss and vertigo. But when a massive seizure resulted in Dayna being ambulated to the hospital for a CT scan, that is when she would learn the cause of all her unusual symptoms: a cancerous tumour in her left frontal lobe.

Surgery and other treatments followed, and today the registered nurse says she wants to raise more awareness about brain tumours and fund much-needed research into the disease so that better, less invasive options are available to patients. "They're still using procedures from almost 20 years ago to treat brain tumours," Dayna explains. "We're a small but mighty group of survivors and loved ones who've lost someone to this disease, and I hope that together we can put an end to brain tumours."

What: Whitehorse Brain Tumour Walk

When: Saturday, June 15, 2019

- Registration: 10:30am
- Survivor Photo: 11:45am
- Opening Ceremonies: 11:50am; Walk Begins: 12:00pm

Where: Rotary Peace Park, 2nd Avenue

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 \$6.9 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 like the Brain Tumour Walk events. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's website: www.BrainTumour.ca.

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