

Brain Tumor Foundation invites walkers to participate in 2002 Toronto Spring Sprint

TORONTO — The Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada (BTFC) is calling on all walkers to lace up their shoes and join Toronto's annual Spring Sprint on Sunday, May 12 in Sunnybrook Park.

The Spring Sprint, one of 10 held annually in cities across Canada, raises money for brain tumour support services, research and education. All money raised will help those affected by brain tumours.

More than 10,000 Canadians are diagnosed with a brain tumour each year. These individuals suffer from seizures, paralysis, speech impairment, vision, hearing, and memory

loss. Brain tumours affect people of all ages and there is no cure. BTFC is devoted to improving the quality of life for those affected.

"BTFC currently has over 20 communities asking for a support group to be established," said Kathy Leclair, BTFC support services co-ordinator. "These support groups provide an opportunity for people with brain tumours and their loved ones to share experiences, address personal issues and gain emotional support. Funds raised by Spring Sprints will help bring these support groups to fruition, so no one suffers from the disease alone."