



Ottawa Dad Running 42 Marathons in 42 Days to Raise Funds for Childhood Brain Tumor Treatment

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(Ottawa, ON) September 17, 2021: With the world going through unprecedented times, medical treatment for children requires more resources than ever.

Back in March, after a routine eye exam for his daughter, ultra runner and professional running coach Diego Alcubierre received the shocking news that his 8-year-old girl would need emergency brain surgery to remove a tumor.

Diego and his family had the immense fortune to be referred to the **Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)** for life-saving medical attention. The phenomenal team of Neurosurgery took care of their daughter's condition with love and professionalism, and in less than a week, she was back at home.

Seeing how she approached the whole experience with two IVs, a tube coming out of her head to drain the extra liquid, and four large incisions in her head changed Diego's perspective of life and children's resilience forever. He was inspired to give back by raising funds to help other families in a similar situation.

An Act of Gratitude

That's when the idea of the 42 Marathons Fundraiser came to life as a way to recognize and pay tribute to his daughter and the thousands of amazing kids struggling in hospitals worldwide.

Diego will be running 42 consecutive marathons, that is 42 kilometres (26.2 miles) every day for 42 days. That may seem like a herculean effort, but as Diego puts it, "I'm **sure it will test my physical and mental strength and will be the hardest thing I've ever done**. But compared to what sick children experience and have to endure daily while fighting for their health, it's just a small feat to take".

The goal is to raise C\$42,000 to help CHEO to continue doing the fantastic work they do. CHEO is constantly working to ensure children can get the care they deserve, working to find innovative treatments to offer safer and gentler care.

CHEO is greatly funded by the community's support, so every dollar makes a difference; all funds raised go directly to them.

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