

HALTON CONTINUES TO TAKE UP CANCER FIGHT FOR TERRY

Thirty-eight years after Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope captured the imagination of Canadians, there is still no cure for cancer.

The good news, however, is Terry's original mission and goal - a world without cancer - is much more in sight today than when the Canadian hero began the Marathon of Hope on April 12, 1980, after dipping his right leg in the Atlantic Ocean near St. John's, N.L.

The funds raised through the Terry Fox runs over the years - more than \$700 million raised in Terry's name - have gone into research and the development of better diagnostic technologies and treatment advancements. In increasingly more cases, cancer is not the death sentence it once was. Happily, more people today survive cancer than did in the past. Today's cancer detection methods are more precise, treatments are more successful and survival rates are substantially higher.

Terry's fight sadly ended with his death on June 28, 1981, a month shy of his 23rd birthday, after cancer spread to his lungs. But, the fight has continued and the task of eradicating cancer has been taken up every year with the Terry Fox runs in Canada and in many other sites around the globe. Currently, in Canada, there are more than 9,000 Terry Fox runs organized by volunteers each year to keep the momentum going, not to mention raising many thousands of dollars to fund critical medical research into many different types of cancers.

Halton Region communities have certainly played their roles in keeping Terry's dream of a cure alive. A number of committed volunteers in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills have come together to support the cause. And you can too by participating in the 2018 instalment of the Terry Fox Run.

Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring is set to proclaim Sunday, Sept. 16 as Terry Fox Day in Burlington. He'll do so at the Brant Street Pier, which will act as the starting point of this year's run. The event begins at 8 a.m. with the run itself starting at 9 p.m. The family-fun affair will feature activities for kids.

Other Terry Fox Runs on Sunday, Sept. 16:

- The Oakville run kicks off at 10 a.m. at Coronation Park, where participants can walk, bike, board, blade run, push a stroller or walk a leashed dog along the lakeside routes of 2-, 5- or 10-kilometre lengths.
- Halton Hills is home to two runs. The Georgetown event takes place at the Gellert Centre from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., while the Acton instalment runs at the Acton High School track from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

• Registration for the dog-friendly Milton run begins at 8:30 a.m. with an open start from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at EC Drury High School (255 Ontario St. South). Participants can opt for the 5- or 10-kilometre route.

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POVERTY PRIMER

EVENTS AIM TO BRING AWARENESS OF POVERTY IN HALTON, WRITES SABIHUDDIN



SARAH SABIHUDDIN
Column

Are you an engaged citizen who cares about your community? Have you ever wanted to learn more about poverty in our community?

As a result of recent social policy announcements from the Government of Ontario as well as the newly released Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy the issue of poverty in our communities has come out of the shadows and is now front page news.

As part of our ongoing efforts to bring awareness to the reality of poverty in Oakville, Burlington, Mil-

ton and Halton Hills, the Halton Poverty Roundtable will be hosting two municipal poverty primers for municipal candidates seeking election to the mayoral, city and regional council and school board trustee positions on Oct. 22.

These two events will be open to the public.

The Halton Poverty Roundtable is dedicated to creating positive environments and opportunities where all segments of our communities can come together to explore solutions to poverty in our cities and towns.

On Sept. 19 and 26, the poverty primers will address a range of issues specifically related to the experience of poverty in Halton, such as housing security, food security and employment. Please join us for lively discussion, refreshments, and evenings that promise to be both informative and inspirational.

The South Halton Poverty Primer will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre, Black Box Theatre, 2302 Bridge Rd., Oakville, on Sept. 19 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The North Halton Poverty Primer, will take place on Sept. 26, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Seniors Centre, Auditorium, 500 Childs Dr., Milton.

For more information on the poverty primers, email please contact Sarah at sarah@haltonpovertyroundtable.com

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