

FALL FAIR RETURNS



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Clockwise from left, Katie Ruiters and daughter Anna have fun on the Ferris wheel while taking in the midway at the 175th annual Georgetown Fall Fair, which took over the fairgrounds this past weekend. Hudson Smith digs into troy-nado fries on a stick. Jacob Aldred meets the baby goats.



TERRY FOX RUN

FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Working together to outrun cancer.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- ▶ Georgetown Terry Fox Run • Virtual event
- ▶ Acton Terry Fox Run • Acton High School Opening ceremonies at 8 a.m.

'I AM NOT A QUITTER'

Join your local Terry Fox Run on Sunday, Sept. 18

Millions of Canadians have taken part in the Marathon on Hope, the annual cancer research fundraiser that continues the journey started by Terry Fox in 1980.

After losing a leg to cancer at the age of 18 and witnessing the experience of children in the cancer ward, the young athlete was determined

to help find a cure for cancer by raising funds for the cause. He decided to raise money for cancer research by running across the country. He ran a full marathon, an average of 42 km per day, for 143 days through six provinces from St. John's Newfoundland to Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Fox was forced to stop his marathon at the 5,373 km mark by the disease itself. Cancer had returned to his lungs and he passed the torch to his fellow Canadians who will take part in Terry Fox Marathon of Hope events in their communities on Sunday, Sept. 18.

There have been more than 10,000 such events since 1980, raising a total of \$850 million in support of cancer research. Participants are inspired by his incredible story and his hope that a cure will be found.

Fox is quoted as saying, "I wanted to set an example that would never be forgotten". His legacy speaks for itself as Terry

Fox Runs are organized each year, even during the pandemic when virtual events were held. Runs are a mainstay at many elementary schools across Canada, providing an opportunity to share his example and his inspirational story with students. The Terry Fox School Run takes place this fall on Friday, Sept. 23.

Among the millions of run supporters are those who have been cancer patients or have experienced cancer through others in their lives. While each participant has their own reason for joining the run, each one is helping to fulfill Fox's dream. He asked each Canadian to give \$1 to the cause, a collective effort that was realized by February 1, 1981 with \$24.17 million raised.

More than 650 communities of all sizes take part in the Terry Fox run that has become annual fall tradition in Canada and attracts an average of 3.6 million participants. Now in its 42nd year, the Terry Fox Run has evolved into the largest fundraising event in support of cancer research in the world, with events taking place in 33 countries across five continents annually. It's a non-competitive event that is family oriented with the opportunity to run, walk, ride or wheel.

Terry Fox died on June 28, 1981 at the age of 22. His dream lives on. For details of local events go to run.terryfox.ca "find a run" section. The runs are run entirely by volunteers. To help with a run on your area, sign up on the website.

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