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Fox Run numbers down from last year

Although their totals were down from last year, organizers of the Acton and Georgetown and Terry Fox Runs are pleased with the amounts both runs brought in for cancer research Sunday.

Tamara Diardichuk, organizer of the Georgetown run, said although their total was \$29,000 this year—down from \$37,000 last year, she was extremely pleased to see such a huge turnout Sunday.

Last year's run in Georgetown saw 457 participants, while 534 participated this year. Diardichuk said there were a wide variety of people from different age groups and most ran or walk around the track.

"There were a lot of new people," said Diardichuk. "But again, there were a lot of people who have been coming for eight or nine years."

"I'm not disappointed at all," said Diardichuk, who is already making plans for next year's run.

Acton run organizer Jon Hurst said the run in that community "went really well."

This year the run brought in \$26,500, compared to about \$31,000 last year.

"We're still pretty happy with the total," said Hurst.

He said participation was down by about 40 people compared to the previous year and he wonders if some participants thought the run was actually this Sunday, as it usually falls on Acton Fair weekend.

He said if that is the case those who missed it should call him at 519-853-2015 and he will make alternate arrangements so they can still participate.

Hurst estimates there were about 15 new people participating in Acton this year.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



The annual Terry Fox Runs in Georgetown and Acton Sunday brought out all kinds of participants who used a wide variety of ways to get around the two courses at Georgetown South Community Park and Acton High School respectively. (Above) Ashley Bridget Hill took in the Georgetown event with her pooch Peanut while in Acton Keiran Lawson (left) and buddy Ethan Totty opted for a four wheel method of transportation.

Photos by Shawn McAlpine



'It's no different' Life in a same-sex family

Matthew Eaton-Kent doesn't believe it would be much different growing up in a "traditional" family— one with a mother and father— than in his family headed by same-sex parents.

Earlier this year the 15-year-old son of a Halton Hills lesbian couple spoke before a House of Commons committee considering the same-sex marriage issue. He talked about himself and how he is a member of a happy, well-adjusted family. He answered questions about his life in a same-sex family and was there to refute a study done on the children of single mothers that showed those children are more likely to be violent and have psychological problems.

"I was just there to prove that's not true," said the Grade 10 student recently from his home.

"It's really been no different (growing up in a family headed by same-sex parents)," said Matthew.

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