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Stouffville Fox run raises \$25,000

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When it comes to a successful Terry Fox Run, Stouffville is "one of the best" in Ontario, a provincial director has reported.

Martha McClew, Ontario's director of the Terry Fox Run, said run officials were "absolutely thrilled" when Stouffville called on Sunday evening to report its numbers: more than 600 participants raised \$25,000, representing a 28 per cent increase over last year's total of \$18,000.

The results in Stouffville on a per capita basis more than double the provincial average, said McClew. "Stouffville's participation is absolutely wonderful. We were thrilled when Sandy Schell Kennedy (local organizer) called us. This community is something else," said McClew.

Betty and Rolly Fox, Terry Fox's parents kicked off the campaign in Stouffville three weeks ago. At the time local organizers set a \$20,000 goal which represented about \$1 for each and every resident of Stouffville. After which local campaign organizers pulled out all the stops in their effort to deliver better than good results.

The hard work paid off: the results put Stouffville in

the top 30 in the province. A total of 250 communities in Ontario participated in the 15th annual Terry Fox Run.

Witnessing 600 people register at the Stouffville Recreation Complex was a "very exciting" experience, said Schell Kennedy. "I can't express how I feel. The level of caring in Stouffville is remarkable."

Individual, family and school participation rates in Stouffville were "way up" this year, said Schell Kennedy. She explained that last year, 389 took part in the the 10-kilometre local run.

This year, 611 crossed Stouffville's finish line, said Schell Kennedy.

Also, the local Terry Fox Run proved to be quite a family affair for the Bacon family—Larry and Colleen Bacon and their sons Scott and Neil left their home in Leaside and returned to their old hometown of Stouffville to raise \$6,000 in the run.

"This was the highest amount raised by one family," said Schell Kennedy.

She added that it is heart warming to realize that the legacy of Terry Fox continues to touch so many people.

Stouffville's contribution, including the 40 volunteers, is "a fitting tribute" to a man who knew that cancer has no boundaries," said McClew.

Researchers using Terry Fox funds carry out "ground

breaking cancer research in laboratories and hospitals around the globe," McClew added.



Fair thee well

Kathy Downes of Goodwood was crowned Miss Markham Fair on Saturday night. The new queen was represented by Hutchinson Farm Supply.

Photo: LORI EMMERSON

Shower for fire victims to be held Sept. 22

A couple who lost everything in a fire will get a taste of community spirit Stouffville-style on Sept. 22.

The Stouffville Memorial Christian Church is hosting a shower for fire victims Laura Murphy and Tim McMinn.

The soon-to-be marrieds lost all household belongings when a propane tank burst, setting the house on fire.

The couple were away from the Durham Rd. 30 home when the fire broke out. As well as losing all belongings, the blaze killed the couple's two Rottweilers.

The couple have been staying with McMinn's

parents in Goodwood. The pair plan to marry in June.

A spokesman for the local church pointed out that Stouffville is a community that comes together in a time of need. The shower begins at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Crawley appointed new parks chief

Whitchurch-Stouffville council has amalgamated two top positions to appoint John Crawley as Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation.

By joining together the posts of Director of Parks and Recreation and Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, the town saves "close to \$70,000 a year," Merlin Dewing, chief administrative officer reported.

Crawley has been acting recreation director since the town accepted the resignation of Marlane McKee Wetheral in the spring.

Council approved the amalgamation and appointment at a regular council meeting held on Tuesday. Prior to joining the local municipal staff in 1992, Crawley, 45, worked for the municipality of Gravenhurst.



Fall fair fun

The St. Mark's Fall Fair raised almost \$8,000 on the weekend. Here, Erica Cain, top, Michell Harper, Alyson Cain and Ashley Armstrong model the latest in balloon hats.

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