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Humble beginnings for successful Terry Fox Run

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

When Dixie Sellers, Beulah King and Barb Schell walked and re-walked the route for the first Stouffville Terry Fox Run in 1982, they were laying the foundations for 24 years of local support for Terry's dream.

Only a few dozen people came out for the town's first run. Last year, there were more than 800 participants in one of the most successful Terry Fox Runs in Canada.

Participants have raised more than \$500,000 over the past 23 years. Stouffville was the 11th highest fundraiser in the country last year.

This year's run starts from the Stouffville Arena at 1 p.m. Sept. 18 with registration at noon. A five-km route has been added to the usual 10-km course so more people can participate.

Also new this year is National School Run Day, in which all Whitchurch-Stouffville schools are participating Sept. 16. Students across Canada are being encouraged to complete the run at the same time.

At the beginning of 1980, Terry Fox, who had lost most of a leg to cancer, decided to run across Canada to raise funds for cancer research. He began his Marathon of Hope in St. John's, Nfld., running 42 km each day. After 143 days and covering 5,373 km, he was forced to stop his quest outside of Thunder Bay. Cancer had appeared in his lungs. He died in June 1981 at the age of 22.

The nation rallied around his dream, however, and many communities held their own Terry Fox Runs

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Heads up, guys

Damian Kerz (left) of the State Farm Insurance squad collides with Marco Accetone of Stouffville Rotary during under-10 action at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club's Tom Morton Cup Day Tournament at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area Saturday.

TEENAGERS ARRESTED AFTER VANDALISM SPREE

Youths need more activities: police

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

A York Regional Police officer is calling for more organized youth activities in Stouffville following a weekend of arrests and alcohol-related incidents, some involving 13-year-olds.

"Stouffville is a very good community," Insp. Robertson Rouse said. "But, there needs to be more activity (for youth). There's very little for the young people to do in the evening hours. Boredom seems to be partly responsible. The young people are just hanging out. More needs to be made available for young people at night."

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Sue Sherban said while their isn't much for youth to do in the evenings, growth will bring more organized activities.

"Growth will help assist with problems with our youth," Mrs. Sherban said. "As an example, we don't have such things as a (movie) theatre, cosmic bowling or a drop-in centre."

An extra concentration of police during the past two weekends netted results.

"Through a summer youth initiative policing program, we had a team of officers concentrated in such areas as Main Street and town parks," Insp. Rouse said. "We had some results that we would prefer not to have."

Police responded to an act of vandalism last weekend at Latham Hall on Park Drive after toilets were smashed.

Police arrested four youths, laid

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