



Sandy Schell-Kennedy and her husband, Richard, at the Terry Fox Monument in Thunder Bay. It's "larger than life," she wrote.

Stouffville event 'remarkable'

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experience.

"The monument did not disappoint. His statuesque figure in bronze facing the west — facing home — was breathtaking. Larger than life itself — Terry was just that. He entered our lives in the spring and summer of 1980 and every September since. I truly wish all of his followers since that time could stand where I was standing at that moment.

"The sun was shining. His sun-burned face was a magnet. The artist — Manfred of Oakville — has captured all that was Terry — athleticism, courage, great looks, sweat and that indomitable spirit," the former Sun-Tribune citizen of the year wrote.

Mrs. Schell-Kennedy also paid a visit to mile number 3,339 along the TransCanada Highway, which was where the Marathon of Hope ended Sept. 1, 1980.

"You stand at the side of the road and there are trucks upon trucks and that just let's you know the enormity of what he faced every day," Mrs. Schell-Kennedy said. "Here's this little guy running along

RUN DATE

The Stouffville Terry Fox run takes place Sept. 19 with the start and finish located at the Lebovic Leisure Centre. Registration is at noon and the run begins at 1 p.m.

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the side of the highway and here is the traffic just blowing by."

In 1981, Mrs. Schell-Kennedy participated in her first Terry Fox Run. In 1990, she became Stouffville's event chairperson.

"I stay involved because it's such a grassroots organization that it's worthy of my time and energy," she said.

Last year, the Stouffville event surpassed the \$1-million mark in money raised for cancer research.

"It's not about the money, it's about the participation, to see what a great community (we) live in. The

money will follow," Mrs. Schell-Kennedy said.

Stouffville's participation has become legendary. Of all cities and towns in Ontario, it's raised the fifth highest amount of money each of the last two years.

"We use Stouffville as an example of what can be accomplished in our community," said Martha McClew, provincial director of the Terry Fox Foundation. "It is remarkable for us for Stouffville's size, how incredible the numbers are. ... Not just the revenue and participation, but spirit."

When Terry Fox started his Marathon of Hope, the goal was to bring awareness to find a cure for cancer.

It is 30 years later and there is still no cure.

"Cancer is 200 diseases, it's not one and we have made great progress in the treatments developed and mortality rates. That's the great news," Mrs. Schell-Kennedy said. "Will there ever be a cure for 200 cancers? I don't know, I'm not a scientist."

"There may never be one cure for cancer, but we will cure them one at a time. I live in hope," Ms McClew said.

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