

# Newcomers being invited to Terry Fox Fun

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funds too," she said.

One thing Ms Newlands looks forward to every year is listening to survivors.

"I run and I run very long distances and it's a very painful experience and you need stories to hang onto," she said.

The theme of Be a Friend, Bring a Friend is two-fold for event organizers. One, is to introduce people to the Stouffville Terry Fox Run.

"Stouffville has grown so much in the last five years and there are so many residents who don't know Terry Fox exists or (that) we have an event," said Sandy Schell Kennedy, co-ordinator of the Stouffville event.

Ms Newlands is not the only one who has extended an invitation. Barbara Schell, one of the original Terry Fox Run committee members and Ms Schell Kennedy's mother, has invited her neighbours who recently moved to town.

## NEW RESIDENTS

"There's a lot of new people in town. They might get involved. It's the biggest event Stouffville has, we think," Barb Schell said.

The second part of the theme is "being a friend to cancer research. That's one more person making an effort to raise these much needed funds", Sandy Schell Kennedy said.

Last year, between the community and school events, Whitchurch-Stouffville raised \$143,000 for cancer research. The \$124,000 from the community run was the fourth highest amount of all 220 communities that took part across Ontario. Another \$19,000 was raised in local schools.

About 46 local cancer survivors participated and wore red shirts. So far this year, 50 survivors have registered, according to Ms Schell Kennedy.

"We want to see as many red shirts as possible in that field," Ms Schell Kennedy said. "When we see people as survivors, supporting the

cause, it's not only visual, it's emotional."

Stouffville's inaugural event in 1982 had 148 participants who raised \$8,424.

In 1995, Betty and Rolly Fox came to Stouffville prior to the run. Perhaps it was coincidence, but participation and the amount raised almost doubled from the previous year. And every year since then the number of participants and money collected has increased.

This year's goal is to raise

\$130,000 from the community event and have 50 new families participate, according to Ms Schell Kennedy.

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"Stouffville, historically, has been a very generous community in many, many different ways," she said.

This year's event offers 2K, 5K and 10K route options, all of which start and end at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre, 30 Burkholder St. Par-

ticipants can walk, run, rollerblade or cycle. Rollerbladers and cyclists are asked to wear helmets.

Registration begins at noon with the event starting at 1 p.m. Local roads will be closed between 12:45 and 3 p.m. Parking is limited.

For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/events/144616295580314](http://www.facebook.com/events/144616295580314) or contact Sandy Schell Kennedy at [schellkennedy@rogers.com](mailto:schellkennedy@rogers.com) or 905-640-4705.



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