

Terry Fox Run To Hit Million Dollar Milestone

By Sandy Schell Kennedy

This year, the Stouffville Terry Fox Run will hit the one million dollar milestone. In 2008 our community ranked fifth out of 250 sites, raising over \$93,000 for cancer research.

Last year's participants told us they liked the community, family and fun feel to our event, but many wanted to see a change of route. As a result, the route will start and finish at the Lebovic Leisure Centre, utilizing the new Stouffville trail system and encompassing a combination of new and old neighborhoods. It can be completed by walking, cycling, rollerblading or running and people can choose from distances of two, five or 10 km.

The run has no entry fee and requires no minimum pledge. It is non-competitive and the funds are used for all types of cancer research. With only three cents of every dollar raised going towards administration, and 10 cents used to cover fundraising costs, the Foundation is a leader in fundraising accountability.

We encourage participants to collect pledges to help fulfill Terry's dream of an end to cancer. Participants can go to www.terryfoxrun.org for more information or to collect pledges online. Pledge sheets will also be available at Schell Lumber, the Lebovic Centre and the Stouffville Arena as well as many merchants in town.

Terry Fox dollars fund innovative research for a variety of the 200 cancers in existence. Funding between 1998 to 2012 includes \$22 million for lung cancer (which excludes the

ongoing lung cancer study being undertaken by the Terry Fox Research Institute), \$41 million for prostate cancer and \$62 million for breast cancer. These figures do not include Foundation grants being allocated between 2009 and 2012.

The annual Terry Fox Workshop, attended by members of the Stouffville Organizing Committee, heard very encouraging news from Dr. Rob Rattapel of the Terry Fox Research Institute. He talked about every individual having a unique cancer; hence treatment has to be unique.

He also compared his research progress to that of his father, a pediatric resident in the 1930's before penicillin and sulpha had been discovered, who would look into the hospital ward each night and know many children wouldn't survive until morning. Dr Rattapel is convinced he will see a similar miracle in his career lifetime.

In May, a large contingent of supporters appeared before council and had our town declared a Terry Fox community. We are most grateful to the wonderful residents who participate, volunteer, or pledge others to make such an impact on cancer research.

Terry Fox 2009 T-shirts are available by calling Sally Sandiford at 905-640-5528. Please join us Sept. 13 at the Lebovic Leisure Centre for an afternoon of community, family, fun and our opportunity to make a difference for cancer research. For more information contact Sandy Schell Kennedy at 905-640-4705 or schellkennedy@rogers.com or visit www.terryfoxrun.org.

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Family Fun At The Festival



Two young visitors enjoy a walk down Main St. July 4.



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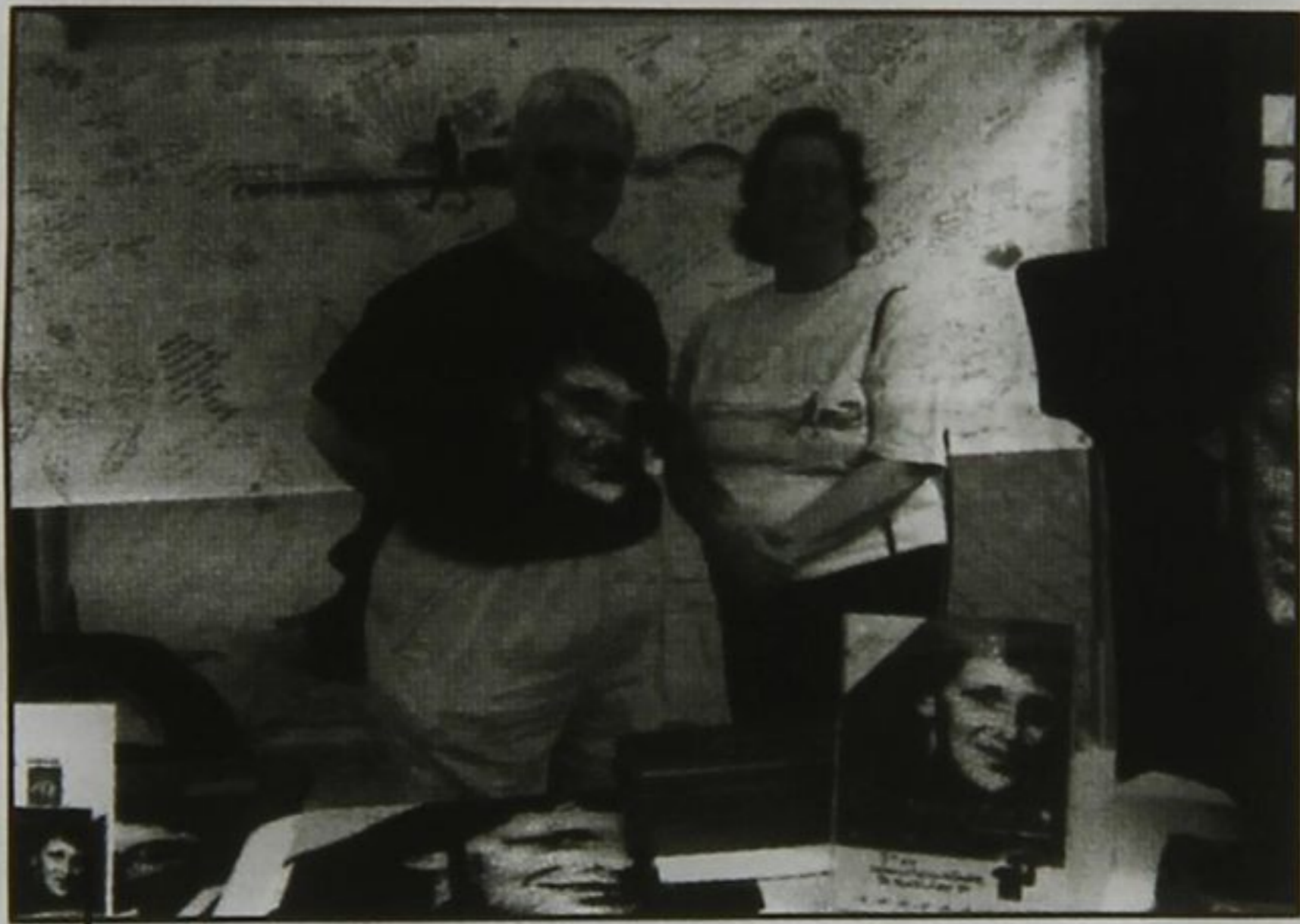
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Sally Sandiford models the 2009 Terry Fox T-shirt during the Strawberry Festival on July 4. This year's Terry Fox Run takes place Sept. 13 from the Lebovic Leisure Centre.



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