

New Route, Same Inspiring Cause

Community gears up for Terry Fox Run



Sharon Summerhayes (left) and Beate Barnett, a long-time volunteer with Relay for Life and Terry Fox, who provided constant support to Sharon throughout her illness and treatment.

"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going." Terry Fox, July 10, 1980.

Terry started his cross-Canada run for cancer research in St. John's, Nfld. on April 12, 1980, and ran for 143 days, clocking up an astonishing 5,373 km in the process. He was forced to stop on Sept. 1 outside Thunder Bay, because his bone cancer had spread to his lungs. He died on June 28, 1981 at the tender age of 22, but his dream has endured, and to date more than 400 million dollars has been raised by the Terry Fox Foundation.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, Whitchurch-Stouffville will join thousands of communities across Canada and around the world for the 2009 run, and this year the community is set to surpass the one million dollar mark in donations. A new route has also been devised for this year's event, which starts and finishes from the Lebovic Leisure Centre and takes in the Stouffville trail system and a combination of old and new neighbourhoods.

Stouffville resident Sharon Summerhayes is a cancer survivor and an avid Terry Fox Run participant. Her team, 'Sharon the Love', is registered for this year's run and she is proud to be part of such an inspiring initiative.

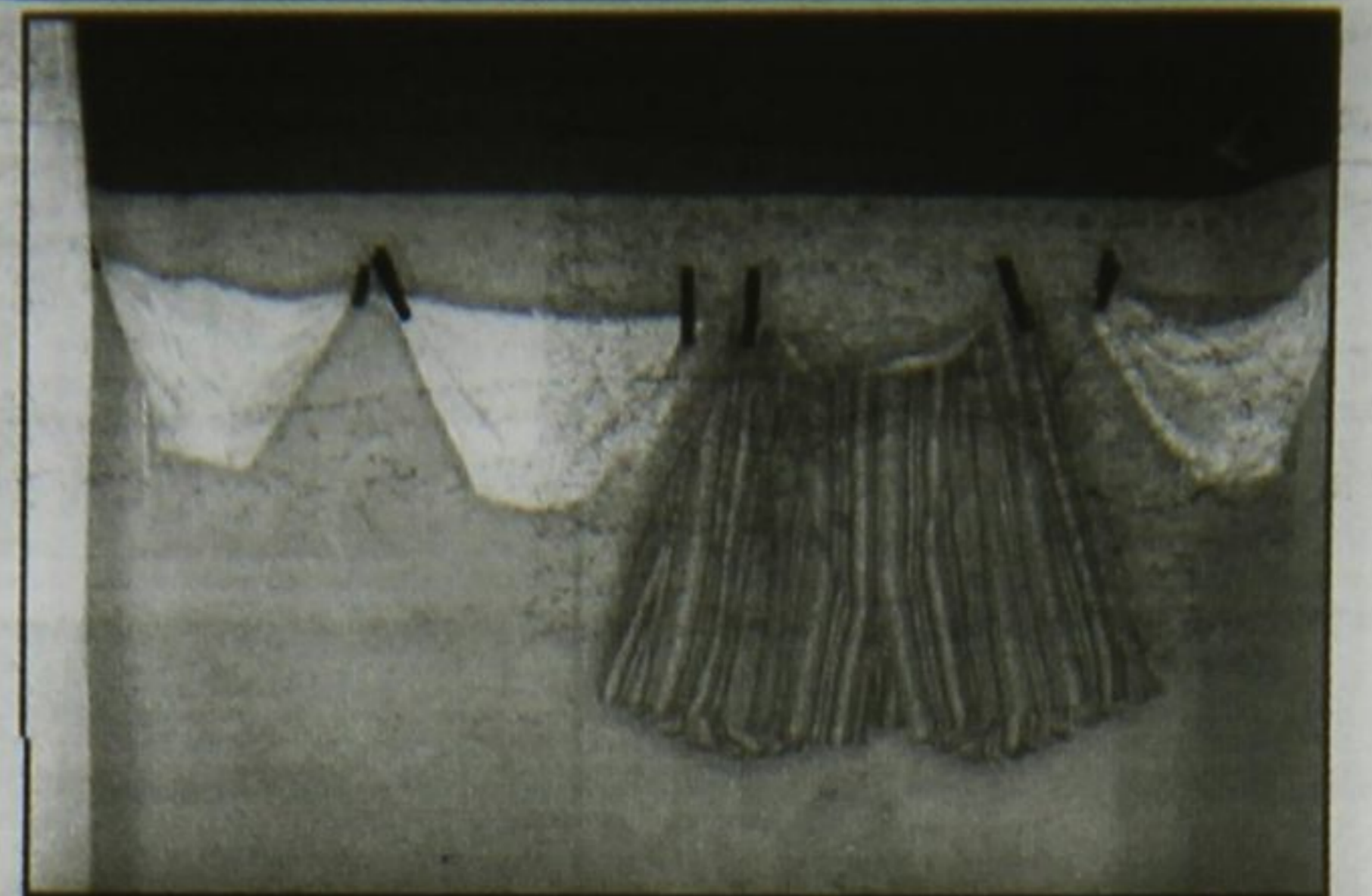
"Carrying on Terry's legacy is a beautiful way to bring family and friends together for a meaningful and fulfilling day," said Sharon. "Fighting and beating cancer has changed my life for the better. Knowing we can help others do the same makes this day even more special. Supporting each other is the only way to go."

You can register and collect pledges online at www.terryfoxrun.org or pick up pledge sheets from Schell Lumber, the Lebovic Leisure Centre and the Stouffville Arena, as well as many local retailers. T-shirts for 2009 are available from Sally Sandiford at 905-640-5528.



The snazzy Terry Fox T-shirt for 2009.

Team Free Press will take to the Stouffville trail on Sept. 13 for the 2009 Terry Fox Run.



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