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Jeffrey Mah WYKAAO



"Never, ever give up on your dreams."

Betty Fox

Dear Jeffrey:

Another year has passed for The Terry Fox Foundation with an incredible \$23 million raised for cancer research in Canada. The remarkable efforts of Terry Foxers across this great country ensure the best and the brightest researchers receive funding to continue their vital work in uncovering and understanding the mysteries of cancer. As Captain of WYKAAO, never underestimate the critical contribution your team makes to our efforts. We are so grateful to you and your teammates.

Writing this letter is bittersweet as Terry's mom Betty, my wife of 54 years, is no longer sharing these words of thanks with you. Betty's death last June left a hole in the heart of our family and the Foundation. As Honourary Chairman she experienced joy and incredible pride in meeting hundreds of thousands of Canadians who admired Terry and continue to support his mission to eradicate the suffering caused by cancer. Betty's admiration for you all was boundless.

Betty always said that your passion for Terry and his legacy helped so much in easing the sadness of losing him far too soon. I appreciate Betty's comment even more now that our family has lost her as well. It gives me comfort and strength to know that the Foundation has such dedicated and caring supporters. You are truly part of our Terry Fox family. Thanks to you, the future of cancer research is bright and the lives of patients filled with hope.

I leave you with Betty's heartfelt wish for every Terry Foxer, shared at the end of each speech she ever gave, "Set your goals high, and never, ever give up on your dreams." Thank you for never giving up on Terry's dream. Thank you for making it one of your own. Thank you for making today's progress possible and especially for believing in the cures to come.

With gratitude,