

"Never, ever give up on your dreams."

Betty Fox

Dear Jeffrey:

The 33rd Terry Fox Run was a wonderful success in Canada and around the world, raising close to \$25 million, a gratifying increase over the previous year. Thirty-three years, thirty-three Runs...Terry's remarkable legacy is now sustained by Terry Foxers in thirty-one countries around the globe.

We entered the week of the 2013 Run on a high note with the news the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine was reporting very encouraging results from the Terry Fox Lung Cancer Study. The study findings are a significant breakthrough for the early detection of lung cancer, using low-dose CT scans, among persons at high risk. Earlier diagnosis means a better chance of surviving this deadly cancer. I cannot imagine anything that would make Terry happier.

Over the years, Terry has received touching tributes that have included the naming of schools, mountain ranges, icebreakers, statues and coins. As a Terry Foxer, you know that my son did not embark on his 1980 Marathon of Hope for accolades, rewards or recognition. What mattered most to Terry was simply that people gave to cancer research.

Terry would be so proud of the dedicated Canadians who, like you, form teams in support of the annual Terry Fox Run, who raise life-saving funds and fuel hope for scores of cancer patients, and whose efforts bring honour to the work of The Terry Fox Foundation. I wish I could meet you, and every member of WYKAAO, to shake your hands and personally thank you for the difference you make in the lives of so many. Terry made me a proud father - you make me a very proud Canadian.

With heartfelt thanks,

P.S. Congratulations on your team's wonderful fundraising efforts. A very special thanks to you for your leadership and commitment to my son's legacy.