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Jeffrey Mah WYKAAO



"Never, ever give up on your dreams.

Betty Fox

Dear Jeffrey:

When my son Terry left home on April 7, 1980 on his way to Newfoundland, he travelled light, knowing there would be little space in his donated van. One small item he tucked in his luggage was a diary, where he recorded his thoughts, dreams and feelings about life on the road during the Marathon of Hope. The opening line was powerful in its simplicity and focus:

"Today is the day it all begins."

When Terry was forced to end his run on September 1, he flew home with only the clothes on his back...and his diary. We believe this small journal is the greatest gift he left us. It gives an emotional and inspiring view into Terry's soul, revealing the immense gratitude and respect he had for Canadians who embraced him and his cause unreservedly.

If Terry's diary could have a next chapter, you would be writing it. As our Team Leader for WYKAAO, we are so grateful for the effort you make to generate participation in, and support for, the Terry Fox Run, now 34 years strong. The millions raised on Run Day translate into a new day for cancer patients and their families, a day filled with possibilities and hope.

As we know too well, the final chapter of Terry's story has not yet been written. We have work still to do, and I am comforted to know that we will do it together, striving to bring an end to the suffering cancer causes. Thank you to you, and your teammates, for making our world a better place.

Your effort and personal contribution touch my heart every day.

All the best,

Rolly Fox

P.S. Jeffrey, I am humbled to acknowledge your commitment and contributions to the cause and I was touched to learn that you linked Francis Kwong's memory to my son's legacy. It is an honour.