



Betty, Terry & Rolly Fox

April 2020

Dear Jeffrey,

The words that follow will attempt to recognize and acknowledge your tireless efforts moving Terry's dream forward beyond the 40th Anniversary of the Marathon of Hope. The words that follow will not come close to reflecting the thankful thoughts we have for the role you play as a Team Captain for Team WYKAAO. We truly appreciate how you encourage friends and family to support the Run by participating and donating - your singular effort is multiplied many times over.

As a family we always cherish and cling to every memory, every word and every visual we have of our brother and uncle. The following are a handful of Terry's last recorded words from December 1980 when he was reflecting on how the country responded after he was forced to stop running.

"That really helped during the hard times in the very beginning when I had to accept the fact that cancer had returned. After five months of running I had to return and fight something that was even harder than what I was going through out on the road. Everything that has happened since the run was postponed has been so positive and people have really helped me out."

These are not the thoughts and feelings of a 22 year old at the early stages of his adult life but the words and wisdom of someone who has already experienced a lifetime full of peaks and valleys. Terry uses the word postponed even though he knew he had run his last mile. The run was only on pause as he could see the Marathon of Hope vision and purpose was transitioning into the hands of others - to you. The Marathon of Hope would continue. The Marathon of Hope, and its progeny the Terry Fox Run, has more than just continued! The Run has flourished, remained relevant and, most importantly, contributed meaningfully to improving outcomes and saving lives. We believe Terry continues to smile that smile thinking of you.

With sincere gratitude,

On behalf of Terry's Family

Fred, Darrell, Judith, Terrance, Kirsten, Erin, Jessica & Alexandra

PS: Terry dreamed and followed through on a promise to never ever forget those he had left behind facing cancer. He was thinking of others and that is where we are and need to be at this time, while another global health challenge is affecting us all. Please take care of yourself and those close to you.

