

THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

BACKGROUND



Terry's Story

- Terry Fox was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) in his right leg in 1977 and had his right leg amputated 15 cm above the knee
- While in the hospital, Terry was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer patients that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research and he called his journey the *Marathon of Hope*
- Terry's *Marathon of Hope* took place in 1980 with the simple objective of informing Canadians of the importance of finding a cure for cancer
- With fierce determination, he ran an average of 42 kilometres every day for 143 days
- Terry was forced to end his run on September 1, 1980 when the cancer spread to his lungs
- By February 1, 1981, Terry's dream of raising \$1 for every Canadian was realized—the Terry Fox *Marathon of Hope* fund totaled \$24.17 million
- Terry died in June 28, 1981

The Terry Fox Foundation

- On May 26, 1988, the Terry Fox Run became a Trust, independent from the Canadian Cancer Society, as a registered public foundation
- The Terry Fox Foundation (TFF) is a leading national charitable organization that honours the vision and spirit of an iconic Canadian
- As one of Canada's largest charities in cancer research, we pride ourselves on significant investments in translational research
- Established in 2007, the Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI) invests in world-class scientific and clinical research that accelerates discoveries for cancer patients and their families
- With support from partners across the country, TFRI is expanding its research portfolio to include two innovative projects that will unite our country and improve the lives of cancer patients through precision medicine: the Marathon of Hope Cancer Centres Network and the Digital Health and Discovery Platform

Terry Fox Run

- The Terry Fox Run takes place across Canada on **Sunday, September 17, 2023**
- The Terry Fox School Run takes place nationally on **Friday, September 22, 2023**
- Now in its 43rd year, the Terry Fox Run has evolved into the largest fundraising event in support of cancer research in the world, with events taking place in 33 countries across five continents annually—over 10,000 in Canada
- All runs are non-competitive, all inclusive, family-oriented activities where participants can run, walk, ride, or wheel

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