

THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

BACKGROUND



Quick Facts

- 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 1981

- 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 is a leading national charitable organization that honours the vision and spirit of an iconic Canadian and does not allow the Terry Fox name or likeness to be commercialized
- As one of Canada's largest charities in cancer research, we pride ourselves on significant investments in translational research

- The Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI) is the recipient of TFF funding
- TFRI's mission is to rapidly translate today's best science into better cancer treatment and diagnosis for all Canadians
The Institute brings scientists and clinicians together across the country into a functionally integrated, geographically dispersed Institute with nodes in several provinces

Event Information

- The Terry Fox Run takes place across Canada on **Sunday, September 19, 2021**
- The Terry Fox School Run takes place nationally on **Wednesday, September 29, 2021**
- Now in its 41st 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, blade or bike

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