



A single dream. A world of hope.
The Terry Fox Foundation

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Fox Family at Mount Terry Fox
Dedication Ceremony - 1981

Dear Principal, Staff and Students of Christine Morrison Elementary:

It could be said that our family has lived in the "cancer world" for close to four decades but we realized last year, when our dad was diagnosed with lung cancer, that our experience had been mostly peripheral. We never witnessed the impact of Adriamycin and Methotrexate on our brother Terry – he would not allow us to see his pain and suffering. He would check himself into the BC Cancer Agency clinic for his chemo treatments and leave only when he had fully recovered.

With Dad we took it all in; we were there for every appointment, doctor meetings and radiation treatment. The 200,000 Canadians diagnosed each year with cancer became so much more personal; each number represented a life, important and connected to family and friends. We witnessed those connections, the love and the hope. And yes, there was hope. In fact, we could feel hope everywhere. Despite his frail health, advancing age and a Stage 4 diagnosis, Dad still reached for the opportunities to extend his life that were potentially available to him. Unfortunately, he did not test positive for the EGFR mutation and the *Personalized Onco-Genomics Program* available to patients with metastatic disease. Yet, your contribution to The Terry Fox Foundation gave our Dad, and everyone facing a cancer diagnosis, HOPE.

Hope was a big word for Terry. He left the cancer ward full of hope, believing research had increased his chances of surviving cancer. It lived in every step he took and every mile he ran on the Marathon of Hope. Today, 36 years later, you create and sustain hope with everything you do by hosting and participating in a Terry Fox Run at Christine Morrison Elementary. The future of our country is in great hands with the caring, compassion and leadership we see in our schools today.

Our admiration for what you do each year in Terry's name knows no bounds. Thank you so very much.

On behalf of Terry's family,

Darrell Fox

P.S. We are so proud to include you in our Terry Fox family of schools!