



**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**



Fox Family at Mount Terry Fox
Dedication Ceremony – 1981

March 2, 2018

R. A. Riddell Public School
Ms. Sarah Christie
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Dear Principal, Staff and Students of R. A. Riddell Public School,

It was exciting and inspiring to be a Canadian in 2017. Our country celebrated its 150th anniversary year loudly and proudly, a distinct change to our usual humble approach to patriotism. I couldn't help but think of how much my brother Terry would have loved Canada150. He believed so strongly in the potential of our country and its people – the potential for kindness, for compassion, and for generosity. Terry started planning his Marathon of Hope without knowing the outcome – but confident that Canadians would embrace his vision. They did then and today you continue to do so, magnificently.

It is a privilege and honour to follow in my parents footsteps and travel across our amazing country to share Terry's story. I meet remarkable supporters who inspire me with their passion for the cause. I visit schools where children as young as five tell me Terry's story in incredible detail; I attend Terry Fox Run events where 37 year participants ask me to sign their original participation certificate from 1981. Every day ends with me feeling humbled by the support the Foundation receives from Canadians who believe in the work we do and the research we fund. I also marvel at how Terry met so many people, and yet he still managed to run close to 42 km a day.

Thanks to your efforts and leadership, the 37th Annual Terry Fox Run contributed close to **\$30 million** to cancer research. In a year full of tributes to Terry as a "great Canadian", it is an honour for our family to have the opportunity to pay tribute to the amazing community at **R. A. Riddell Public School**. Your leadership and initiative makes us so proud and hopeful for the future.

Thank you for making the Terry Fox Run a special part of your school year.

With sincere gratitude,

Fred Fox
Manager, Supporter Relations

P.S. Congratulations on such a successful year of fundraising. Our family is truly grateful for all your hard work and dedication.