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Canadians at home and abroad raise money in Terry Fox Run

The memory of Terry Fox, the one-legged runner who lost his life to cancer last June, inspired millions of people in Canada and around the world to take up his "Marathon of Hope".

Sponsors said that more than 800 communities across Canada took part in the first annual Terry Fox Run held September 13. Close to one million people took part in organized ten-kilometre runs and it is estimated that the events raised almost \$5 million with between three and five million Canadians making pledges.

Fox, a young amputee from Port Coquitlam, British Columbia raised almost \$24 million for cancer research when he tried to run across Canada last year (see *Canada Weekly*, dated July 15, 1981).

Participants in the non-competitive events ran, walked, bicycled and skipped to raise money for the Terry Fox Cancer Research Fund.

Midnight start

Runners in Halifax, Nova Scotia were among the first to begin their marathon —

about 60 joggers started at one minute after midnight and ran in a rainstorm. The weather cleared in the morning and about 7,000 people in the Halifax area took part in other events.

Federal Sports Minister Gerald Regan fired the pistol starting a run in Ottawa in which 13,000 residents took part raising more than \$40,000. Mr. Regan also ran the ten-kilometre course and later opened a new school outside Ottawa named for the young cancer victim. More than 900 turned out for the dedication of the Terry Fox School and after the ceremony about 2,000 runners took part in a run raising \$7,000 for cancer research.

In Fox's hometown of Port Coquitlam more than 1,000 turned out to raise \$24,000. On hand was the Fox family with brothers Darrell and Fred and sister Judith taking part while parents Betty and Rolly Fox watched and autographed run certificates.

In Toronto, 20 ten-kilometre runs were held in honour of Fox's crusade for

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Adults and children alike participate in Ottawa's ten-kilometre Terry Fox Run.

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