



José Antonio Alena in the Terry Fox Run,
Havana, 1999

and awareness in the fight against cancer. A number of Cuban cancer survivors such as José Antonio Alena, who also lost a leg to the disease, are regular participants in the Run. In February 2003, Cuba set a new record for the number of Terry Fox Runs held simultaneously on a single day, as 155 Cuban municipalities took part in the first island-wide edition of the annual event. Official estimates are that more than 260,000 people participated.

One of the factors contributing to the success of the Terry Fox Run in Cuba is the universal nature of its message. The example set by Terry Fox resonates in ways that have little to do with nationality, politics, or geography and everything to do with basic human aspirations in the face of a common, natural threat. The growth and success of the Terry Fox Run in Cuba also reflects values shared by Canadians and Cubans and is a reminder of the way in which sport can serve as a vehicle for a much larger, common cause.



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