

TERRY FOX: RUNNING FOR CANCER



The 2008 Terry Fox run last November attracted more than 9,000 participants, both young and old, who ran, walked, skated and cycled through Kuala Lumpur's oldest and scenic park – Taman Tasik Perdana (Lake Gardens). The Sunday exertion was all for a good cause – cancer research.

Some RM200,000 was raised from the sale of T-shirts as well as cash donations. The funds were channelled to the Cancer Research Initiatives Foundation (CARIF), based in the Sime Darby Medical Centre in Subang Jaya. The run has been held in KL for the last 18 years, and since 2001 has raised more than RM1,000,000. Globally, since 1981, the Terry Fox Run has amassed in excess of RM1.3 billion.

Terry Fox was 18 years old when he was diagnosed with bone cancer. His right leg was amputated above the knee. Whilst in hospital, Terry was so moved by the suffering of cancer patients, especially the children, that he resolved to run across Canada (a distance of 8,500 kilometres) to raise money for cancer research. He called his journey the "Marathon of Hope". He ran a marathon (42 kilometres) a day for 143 consecutive days – a total distance of 5,373 kilometres. Terry was forced to abandon his run as the cancer spread to his lungs and died at the age of 21. Before he died, he knew that a fund-raising event would be held each year, with the same objectives as the Marathon of Hope – to help find a cure for cancer.

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“I don’t feel that this is unfair. That’s the thing about cancer. I’m not the only one, it happens all the time to people. I’m not special. This just intensifies what I did. It gives it more meaning. It’ll inspire more people. I just wish people would realise that anything’s possible if you try; dreams are made possible if you try.” TERRY FOX

