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"Hope is a quiet thing, but if a dream is strong enough, hope can grow and grow until it touches everyone."

Maxine Trottier, author Terry Fox: A Story of Hope

If there was ever a year in which we needed to be reminded of the power of hope 2020 was it! Under tremendously challenging conditions, you and your school community chose hope over despair, joy over gloom, possibilities over problems. The students and staff of St. Michael Catholic Academy were shining lights in a troubled year.

Covid-19 forced us to change plans and reimagine our Terry Fox events, but it could not cancel caring, or hope, our dreams for the future, or Terry's vision of a world without cancer. You made sure of that by raising \$ 655.00 for cancer research. We are so very humbled and grateful.

Hope is a quiet thing, but underlably mighty. In 1980, Terry was a lonely runner on a marathon fueled by hope; 40 years later, that hope burns brighter than ever, thanks to the support of 4 million Canadians. Your school inspires us with your commitment to making our world a better place.

With heartfelt thanks,

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P.S. We are truly grateful that your school helped us to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope, despite this challenging year.