

HE'S RUNNING HERE

The man who inspired Terry

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The hopping, labored gait is the same. Even the artificial leg is similar.

But it's the look of determination on Dick Traum's face that brings back the most vivid memories of Terry Fox and his valiant effort in last summer's Marathon of Hope.

Traum, 40, is a one-legged New York City management consultant who inspired Fox to attempt his cross-Canada run.

And he's one of more than 3 million people across the country expected to take part in the first annual Terry Fox Run this weekend to raise money for cancer research.

"Terry's former basketball coach showed him a picture of me running the New York marathon and I guess Terry thought 'if this guy can do it, so can I,'" Traum said yesterday.

"Terry decided just because he loses a leg, he need not be a basket case."

Traum lost his right leg in a 1965 car accident when he was crushed between two cars at a New Jersey gas station.

An artificial limb, 3-pounds heavier than Fox's, has allowed Traum to run about 30 miles a week for the past 10 years to keep fit and to have fun.

"I never met Terry but I feel very strongly about what he did for cancer research. He focused a fantastic interest and emotion on it.

"He obviously had the same philosophy I have you can do whatever you want."

Traum took part in this morning's 24-hour marathon at Varsity Stadium and plans to run the 10 km. Four Seasons Hotel run from Avenue Rd. and another 10 km. race in Cabbagetown today.

Fox's efforts raised more than \$23 million in donations for the Canadian Cancer Society before his death in June. The weekend runs are designed to continue the drive with runners being sponsored by pledgers.

"Money is not the important thing," said society spokesman Jean



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DICK Traum gets in shape for weekend runs.

Pednault. "What's important is to keep Terry's dream alive - to carry the torch."

Runners in 725 cities and towns, including 236 in Ontario, will take part in the 10 km. runs.

About 700 Montreal runners got a head start on the rest of Canada yesterday as they kept Fox's dream alive through a 5 km. run along a wooded path on

Mount Royal.

For those who can't run for Terry Fox, Nordair will collect \$1 per passenger from ticket sales on its flights aboard the airline's newest Boeing 737, named after Fox.

The airline expects to raise about \$10,000 by Oct. 11 to be donated to the Quebec-based Cancer Research Society, Inc.