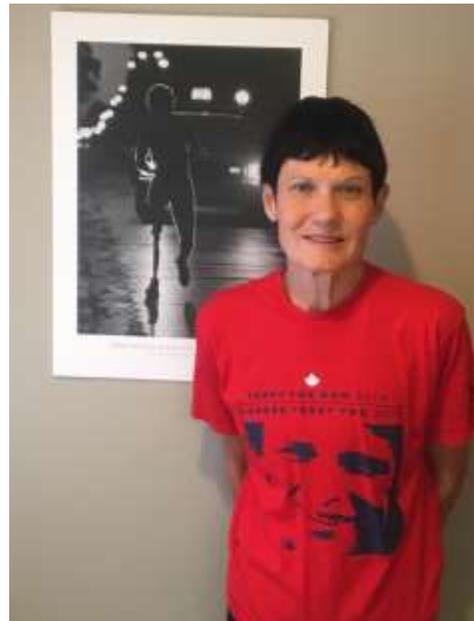


# BRENDA KRUEGER



Manitoba is blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers and supporters of the Terry Fox Foundation. It is hard to single out just one of these amazing people but there is one who stands out in many special ways. **Brenda Krueger** is that special volunteer / supporter we speak of. Brenda remembers being amazed as she watched Terry running his Marathon of Hope and her admiration and respect for him, his family, and the Foundation continues to grow as the years pass.

Brenda ran her first Terry Fox Run so she could take her young daughter and teach her about Terry. Now Brenda's grandchildren have attended their first Run. Brenda hasn't missed an opportunity to experience all things Terry. She has been to Newfoundland where Terry started his Marathon of Hope, she has visited the Terry Fox Monument in Thunder Bay and was very touched to be at his grave site in BC. She was particularly inspired being at Mile 0 and has either run, cycled or driven most of Terry's route.

Terry became even more important to Brenda when she had her own battle with cancer, diagnosed with malignant melanoma in her left leg in 2006. Thanks to research she was able to have it treated effectively though side effects from the surgery continue to provide challenges. This hasn't stopped her from running marathons and Brenda says that thinking of Terry helps her get through the last painful miles. Cycling can also be difficult but this summer Brenda and her husband Don have completed a number of Cycle of Hope rides in support of Habitat for Humanity, her favourite being Niagara Falls to Winnipeg. Terry's determination was also in her thoughts as they climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa and other challenging adventures.

Brenda is more than a cancer survivor, more than a volunteer & supporter of the Terry Fox Foundation, Brenda is also a terrific ambassador for the Foundation as she visits many schools throughout Saskatchewan and Manitoba speaking about Terry Fox and about her own cancer experience. Her career as a school teacher has given her the unique gift to be able to speak to all ages of students in a way that is engaging and poignant. Staff and students are always moved and motivated by Brenda's dynamic presentation. She emphasizes the lessons that the students can learn from Terry...that every one of them can make a difference in this world, to have goals and work hard towards them, and when it gets hard to keep on going and do whatever they can. They just need to do the very best that they can. Like Terry. Brenda wants to be sure that young people know all about Terry as he has made such a difference in so many people's lives, including her own, and can for them also. She is sure to tell the students that she truly believes Terry is Canada's Greatest Hero.

As a runner Brenda enjoys everything from running to the Forks for wild rice bannock, participating in local events, running wherever they travel and then travelling to attend events, including Boston and New York. She loves the challenge of a marathon though her leg often disagrees. Brenda often speaks to running groups and enjoys the opportunity to share her passion for being active, running and tackling life's challenges. She looks forward to attending her first MRA Hall of Fame Banquet.