



September 12, 2005

Dear Athletes and Organizers of the Golden Horseshoe Marathon:

From Saturday September 10th to Wednesday, September 14th, you have participated in an amazing event. The importance of Golden Horseshoe Marathon—a gruelling 5-day, 212 km marathon from Niagara Falls to the steps of the Legislature here at Queen's Park in Toronto—cannot be overstated. Your mission to raise awareness and money for Spinal Regeneration Research will benefit people who are suffering from spinal cord injuries and other neurological diseases, not only here in Ontario, but all around the world. The money raised from this year's marathon will also serve to help and assist people living with spinal cord injuries and neurological diseases to gain independence in their day-to-day lives.

Since the year 1999, the Golden Horseshoe Marathon has raised funds to support various organizations. This year their goal's year was to raise \$500,000 for Spinal Cord Regeneration Research.

On behalf of the government of Ontario, I would like to take this moment to thank the athletes, organizers and volunteers in this years Marathon. Your accomplishment over the weeks and month leading up the Marathon, and most especially these last five days will mean independence for so many, and maybe, one day, a cure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Fonseca". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Peter Fonseca
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