

Cut of kindness helps children

Hair donated to make wigs

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With scissors poised, hair stylist Janet Guarin took the first careful cut that would allow nine-year-old Tanis Melvin to donate her hair.

The Stouffville youngster, who attends St. Brigid Catholic School, decided to donate her hair to Angel Hair for Kids to benefit children who lost their hair because of chemotherapy, radiation treatments, burns and other conditions.

She decided to let her hair grow in August 2004.

Her grandmother had been diagnosed with cancer and Tanis understands the seriousness of the disease.

"She has a pretty big heart", her mother, Heather, said.

Ms Guarin of W.A.C. Hair Group in Markham cut Tanis' hair at no charge.

Tanis has often had an eye out to helping others. Last year, when Brad and Heather Melvin donated a hockey jersey to be raffled off to help victims of the south Asian tsunami, Tanis made the raffle tickets, which were sold at her school.

This past summer, Tanis and her seven-year-old sister, Payton,



Hair stylist Janet Guarin cut Tanis Melvin's lovely long locks so they could be donated to Angel Hair for Kids.

had a lemonade stand to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Tanis was able to donate a 10-inch-long braid of her hair to Angel Hair for Kids.

It is part of A Children's Voice Foundation, which provides wigs to financially-disadvantaged children who have lost their hair.

To have a wig made costs between \$1,200 and \$3,000.

Hair donations have to be clean and dry and at least 10 inches long.

They must be in a ponytail or braid, tightly bound at either end by elastics and placed in a plastic bag or wrapped in tissue paper.

Donations can be sent to: A Children's Voice Foundation, c/o Angel Hair for Kids, 3034 Palstan Rd., Suite 305, Mississauga, Ont., L4Y 2Z6.



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7:00 p.m. Horse Wagon Rides

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Sunday, January 1ST, 2006

1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

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