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## CATCH A STAR



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Karla Gannaway cuts Katie Mulhollen's hair to raise money for charity.

### Cut to the quick: She wants to help

LOVELAND - The long and short of it is, 10-year-old Katie Mulhollen of Loveland wanted to help a family the way her's had been helped.

So on March 24, she jumped up into a swivel chair at Loveland Hair Designers on Loveland-Madeira Road and allowed stylist Karla Gannaway to snip off more than 10 inches of her thick brown hair.

With the cut, Mulhollen raised more than \$1,000 for a non-profit organization that helps couples defray the cost of fertility procedures at The Christ Hospital.

The downtown Cincinnati charity is called The Madeleine Gordon Gift of Life Foundation, and Mulhollen is the first child ever to be born as a result of its efforts.

"I feel really glad I'm doing this," said Mulhollen, a fifth-grader at Loveland Intermediate School who raised the money by securing sponsors, much like a walk-a-thon participant.

"You'd think I'd feel scared, but I'm not," she said.

"I know I'm helping out other children and parents in need."

One reason Mulhollen was not nervous is that she's done this before - and with Gannaway.

Less than two years ago, Gannaway cut more than 19 inches of hair off Mulhollen's head for another charity.

Like last time, the hair Mulhollen cut off March 24 will be sent to Locks of Love of Lake in Worth, Fla., a non-profit organization that provides hair-pieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term hair loss caused by a medical malady.

Mulhollen's parents, Tina and John Mulhollen, were on hand to support their daughter while Gannaway cut her hair and deftly shaped it into a fresh, contemporary hairdo.

Tina Mulhollen had tears in her eyes, and not because Katie was losing some hair.

"She's always been a gift," Tina Mulhollen said. "We wouldn't have had her if it wasn't for the foundation."

"I thank God she's someone so giving. She's always been a blessing to us."

Reported by Jeanne Houck

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# Chopping for charity



Tina Mulhollen lovingly strokes the waist-length brown hair of her daughter, Katie Mulhollen, before the haircut.



Katie Mulhollen grins in a chair at Loveland Hair Designers as stylist Karla Gannaway brushes out her hair.



A determined Katie Mulhollen closes her eyes as stylist Karla Gannaway prepares to snip off her hair. Mulhollen's mother, Tina Mulhollen, can be seen in the mirror, smiling her encouragement.

*Ten-year-old Katie Mulhollen of Loveland recently allowed stylist Karla Gannaway to cut off more than 10 inches of her hair to raise about \$1,000 for The Madeleine Gordon Gift of Life Foundation, a nonprofit organization in downtown Cincinnati that helps couples defray the cost of fertility procedures at The Christ Hospital in Mount Auburn.*

*Mulhollen's parents, Tina and John Mulhollen, benefited from the foundation; Katie Mulhollen was the first child to be born as a result of the efforts of The Madeleine Gordon Gift of Life Foundation, which was established in 1995.*

*After Katie Mulhollen's haircut March 24 at Loveland Hair Designers on Loveland-Madeira Road in Loveland, she sent her hair to Locks of Love in Lake Worth, Fla., a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term hair loss caused by a medical malady.*

*Mulhollen is a fifth-grader at Loveland Intermediate School. She raised the money by securing sponsors – much like a walk-a-thon participant.*

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Katie Mulhollen's new hairdo begins to take shape as stylist Karla Gannaway snips 10 inches off the bottom.



A triumphant Katie Mulhollen displays a cut-off ponytail worth \$1,000 to a charity.