

"Wigs for Kids" Program in Vancouver



"Wigs for Kids" exists to allow kids with cancer to experience their childhood and all its milestone events with fun and dignity - from the first day of elementary school to graduation day.

Not every child that goes through cancer treatment will require or want a wig, but having the opportunity to make that choice is what "Wigs for Kids" is all about.

"Wigs for Kids" raises money by holding silent auction fundraisers, 50/50 draws, hockey tournaments, and other fun events.

To make a hair donation (hair has to be at least eight inches long and never been dyed or coloured) you can do so through Eva's Wigs at 950 West Broadway (ph. 604-684-2917) or through the Oncology Department at BC Children's Hospital (Attn. Dan Mornar, A127A, 4480 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4).

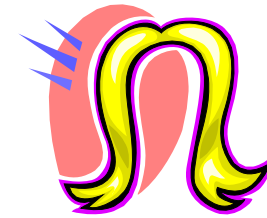
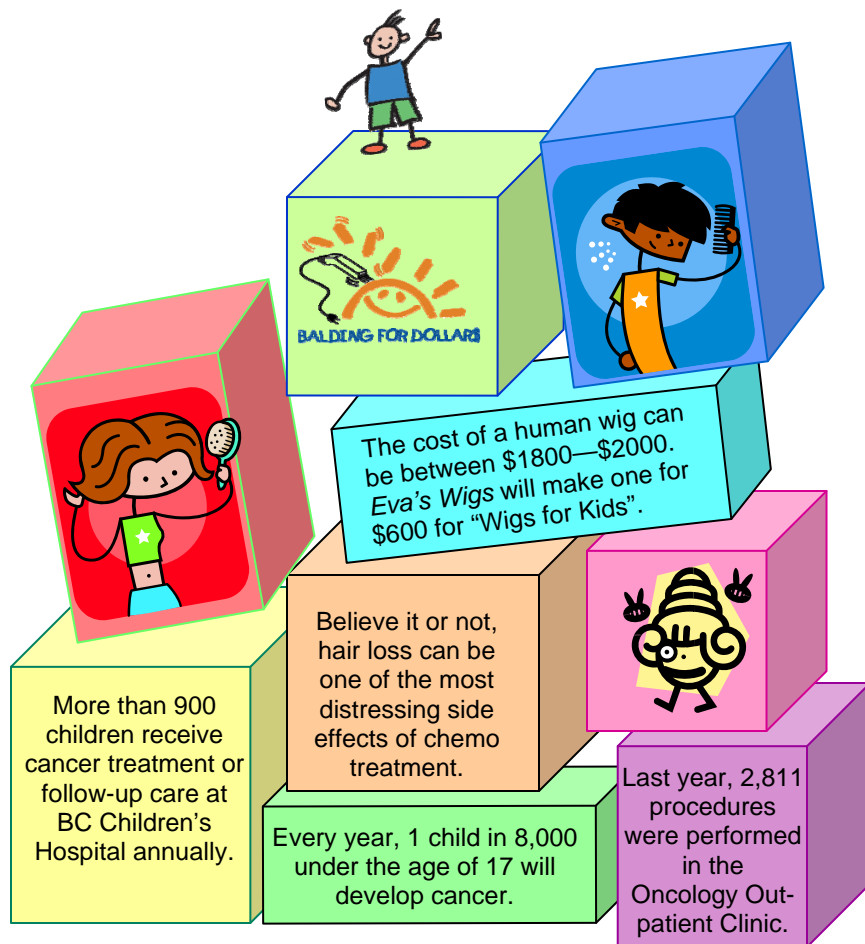
To make a monetary donation, please call BC Children's Hospital, ph. 604-875-2444 and/or make a cheque payable to: Wigs for Kids.

WIGS FOR KIDS

Giving kids the confidence
to be kids again.



**By supporting
Wigs for Kids,
you are making a huge
impact on
children's lives!**



Hair Loss, Chemotherapy, and Wigs

Hair Loss

- ✂ Chemotherapy affects all cells in the body, not just the cancer cells, which is why hair loss may occur.
- ✂ Hair loss does not occur with all chemotherapy. Whether or not your hair remains as it is, thins or falls out in clumps, depends on the drugs and dosage.
- ✂ Hair loss may occur as early as the second or third week after the first cycle of chemotherapy treatment, although this is not always the case.
- ✂ Hair loss can be sudden or slow.
- ✂ In most circumstances, the hair will start to grow back within 3 to 6 months, but there are times when hair loss is permanent.

Why Wigs?

- ✂ For a teenager who is used to going to school, hanging out with friends, working and playing sports, sometimes they simply need a break from the stares and questions regarding their loss of hair.
- ✂ Wigs can give kids the confidence they need to behave like kids again.
- ✂ A change in kids' appearance can drastically undermine their self image and sabotage their self esteem.