

## Shaving My Head for Cancer

Hi, I am ten years old and I have a story to tell you. When I was six years old I was watching TV and I saw a cancer commercial for Children's Hospital with a girl who shaved her head for cancer. My mom was getting ready for work when I walked up to her and said "Mommy, I want to shave my head for cancer!" We missed the "Balding for Dollars Event" that year and kept missing it each year after that. Then I said it again to my mom so my mom and dad talked about it, then they talked to me and said "You do know that it's not just about shaving your head it is also about raising money and you're going to be completely bald?" And I said yes but I didn't care because it's only hair! I raised \$2,782.02 in a month and a half. I went down to Children's Hospital on May 9, 2009 (two days before my 10<sup>th</sup> birthday) and shaved my head. It's been about five months since I shaved my head. My hair has grown a lot. One thing that bothered me sometimes was that people were staring at me all the time, but I just think that they don't know what I did and what I did was a good thing. When I got my head shaved I had special people to support me like my mom and my dad, my grandpa, our friends, Duane, Janice and Colton, my nana, my papa and my grandma who passed away from cancer three years ago and even though I couldn't see her I knew she was there somewhere with me. My mom says I am a very brave girl and that it took a lot of courage to do what I did. I just wanted to help send some sick kids home and if it did I don't care if I had no hair. I am happy about what I did.