

Six year old donates hair to help another child with cancer

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her granddaughter's hair and while Alexa was not too happy with her short hair at first; afraid she might be teased at school when she returned, she is now learning to love it! Plus, she feels good about her decision to help another child who will benefit from her act of kindness.

"A couple of my friends have family members suffering from cancer and it is very sad," explained Alexa. "I know other people who have cut their hair to donate to help someone and my Mom told me that even kids could do it; so that's what I did!"

Alexa doesn't feel that it is that big a deal and although she is a little shy, she is quick to remind us all of the following...

"Your hair grows back," she stated. "If you can help another kid, why wouldn't you do it?"

Alexa's family donated her hair to "DonEspoirCancer," the only non-profit organization authorized in Quebec to accept donations of natural hair given to make wigs for children 16 and under who are suffering with cancer. For more information contact: www.donespoircancer.ca

Alexa hopes that her hair goes to someone who will love it as much as she did and that it makes whoever gets it

very happy.

Alexa plans to now grow her hair down to her waist. When asked if she would consider donating it again once it gets that long she replied, "Yes, I would donate it again just because it makes me feel so good to make someone else

happy!"

If the hair donated reflects the donor at all, somewhere in the world there is a child looking in a mirror and sporting a beautiful wig of natural hair smiling from ear to ear.



Alexa's long hair before she cut it for cancer



Alexa with short hair after cutting it for cancer

For six year old Alexa Graham, a 1st grade student at Mansonville's Baluchon elementary school, it's taken awhile to get used to her short hair after sporting long and healthy locks for the past year. Right before the end of the Christmas holidays, Alexa decided, with the encouragement of her cousin Lindsey, that her hair was long enough to cut to shoulder length and still have enough leftover to donate to an organization that makes free wigs for children who are suffering with cancer.

"I look up to my cousin Lindsey," said Alexa. "Even though I was uncertain, she made me realize that I could do it."

Her grandmother, Barbara Oliver cut

Canada will seek United Nations security council seat, Trudeau says

The Canadian Press

Canada is looking to win a seat on the UN Security Council as part of a move to renew its relationship with the world body, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said today.

Trudeau shared a podium with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon as he spoke of his plans to rebuild Canadian ties to the organization.

The two men held talks on a number of issues at the start of Ban's short visit to Ottawa and Montreal.

"On the issue of the UN Security Council, I highlighted to the secretary general that part of Canada wishing to re-engage robustly with the United Nations and in multilateral engagement around the world includes looking towards a bid for the UN Security Council," Trudeau said.

"We're looking at a number of windows in the coming years. We are going to evaluate the opportunities for Canada to mount a successful bid."

A return to the council would mark a major comeback for Canada, after the country finished an embarrassing third in 2010 during first-round voting in the General Assembly to fill council vacancies.

The Harper government was criticized at the time for failing to make a strong bid for the seat.

The 15-member council has five permanent members and 10 members elected by the assembly to two-year terms.

Ban says he welcomes Trudeau's plan to rebuild a robust relationship with the UN, saying Canada has a long and distinguished partnership with the organization.

The two men's talks covered issues ranging from climate change to the resettlement of Syrian refugees and Canada's return to major peacekeeping operations.

Trudeau said he told Ban that Canada wants to be involved as a peacemaker.

Canadian involvement to UN peacekeeping dwindled sharply in the Harper years as the military was enmeshed in Afghanistan.

That will change, Trudeau told Ban.

"I reiterated the commitment of our government to strengthen the UN's ability to maintain international peace and security, including by increasing support for peace operations and contributing more to mediation, conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction efforts."

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