

**Who and What:** Florence community members including, but not limited to, teachers, students and parents can pledge to grow their hair out to the necessary minimum of a 10” ponytail to donate to a hair donation organization. All ages, grade levels, staff, parents and any community members are encouraged to participate. All hair colors (yes, even dyed or natural grey) are accepted, but no bleached hair. Hair that has been bleached in order to dye cannot be accepted.

**Why:** Many members of our school community or extended family members have been through cancer treatment and chemotherapy that has led to the loss of hair. Cancer treatment puts an enormous burden on people, including the social stigma people may deal with as their physical appearance changes during treatment.

**What it teaches the donors (written by a parent):** <http://www.chicagonow.com/tween-us/2013/07/donating-hair/>

- [Helping Children with Hair Loss](#) – (8” min) [www.childrenwithhairloss.us](http://www.childrenwithhairloss.us) <http://www.facebook.com/CWHLMI>
- [Pantene's Beautiful Lengths](#) - (8” min) <http://www.pantene.com/en-US/PanteneBeautifulLengths/Details/beautiful-lengths-make-the-cut.aspx>
- [Wigs 4 Kids](#) - (10” min) [www.wigs4kids.org](http://www.wigs4kids.org)
- [www.PinkHeartFunds.org](http://www.PinkHeartFunds.org) (12” min)
- [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) American Cancer Society <http://www.acsmissontraining.org/patients-and-caregivers/wigs-and-hair-donation/7-home/117-donating-hair>
- [Locks of Love](http://www.locksoflove.org) – (10” min) [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org)

**What will you learn from participation in the Florence Hair Club?**

- **Patience**
- **One person can have an impact**
- **Gifts are given freely**
- **You may not know the impact you have**
- **Giving doesn't always have to be about money**



**When:** Participants are encouraged to begin their hair growth process immediately. The goal is to culminate this during the 2015-16 school year.

**How:** A pledge form will allow students to pledge their commitment to the necessary amount of time it takes to grow the minimum of a 10” ponytail. If they wish to cut their hair before the culminating event, they may do that. They may also choose to let it grow out past 10” and wait for the final event.

**Along the way:** Frequent after school “Hair Club” meetings to check in with the group. Activities may include hair care tips and trimmings to maintain healthy hair and progression photos to be used for promotion. Of course there will be food and treats and hair care professionals that will conduct the meeting.

**Culmination event:** Wouldn't it be fun to include the band for music and drumrolls? Local media will be encouraged to attend. Hair stylists and beauticians will be on hand to bind and cut the hair to get it packaged for send-off.

**Financial cost:** There is no financial cost or obligation to participate in this. Although postage will be required to send collected hair to the collection center. If participants wish to also make a monetary donation, they may collect pledges as they begin this process and do so at their own discretion and responsibility outside of this hair collection program. We will be happy to announce, promote and share any information about money that anyone has raised.

Source: <http://www.chicagonow.com/tween-us/2013/07/donating-hair/>

Participant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

age: \_\_\_\_\_ grade: \_\_\_\_\_ teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

How long is your hair now (starting length in inches)? \_\_\_\_\_

Home information:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge: I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name), have permission from my parents to join the Florence Hair Club, continuously grow my hair without a haircut during the duration of this program, take great care of it and make a hair donation to a natural-hair wig manufacture at the conclusion.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_