

Mother, daughter trim tresses for cancer victims



Just Like Mom. OceanLili and mom Dianne Morgan pose in front of Canyon Creek Chophouse near Square One Sunday afternoon before both of them had their hair cut to be used to make wigs for cancer patients. OceanLili isn't stopping there and is also giving all of her piggy bank, a lifetime of savings, to the Credit Valley Hospital Foundation.

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OceanLili Morgan appeared to be much like any other seven-year-old as she giggled and ran around the patio yesterday afternoon at Canyon Creek Chophouse.

That is, until she tells you why she was there.

The diminutive Erin Mills resident, along with her mom Dianne, decided to make a difference by cutting their waist-length long brown hair and donating the shorn locks to charity.

Their hair will be made into wigs for cancer patients.

In addition to donating her hair, OceanLili also donated her life's savings to the Credit Valley Hospital Foundation for its cancer centre.

"This is my piggy bank, and it's pretty full," she said, pointing to a nearly life-sized fire hydrant bank that she brought to the Square One restaurant from her bedroom.

Morgan received support from two dozen friends and family members who turned out to witness her hair-cut, courtesy of Mannie from House of Mann Hair. Members of her mini-fan club also made donations in return for a turn with the scissors.

"I'm doing this to support my daughter, and it goes to a good cause," said Dianne.

Oceanlili has been asking her parents to allow her to donate her hair since she turned four.

Finally, in September, on her seventh birthday, they finally agreed.

"I'm very proud of her," said her father Peter. "We support a lot of charity and (OceanLili's) been talking about this for three years."

As for his wife's decision to chop off her locks, he could only laugh.

"I support her. I think she's crazy sometimes, but it's not my hair," he said. "There will be a lot less vacuuming around the house now."

Credit Valley Hospital Foundation Vice-President Tina Triano said she's never heard of someone so young donating their life savings to charity the way OceanLili did.

"I had to come out and watch," she said. "It's not too often you get someone who has saved money for seven years and then wants to donate it to (the hospital)."

Two other volunteers cut their hair for charity at the same time.

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