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Shaved in Solidarity

Family goes bald to comfort, support child with cancer

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In a show of solidarity for a 7-year-old girl with cancer, nine family and relatives cut their hair Thursday at The House of Do's in Baldwinsville.

Bianca Bresadola, of Salina, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma last month. The bone cancer was discovered after Bresadola complained of leg pain, said her mother, Stephanie Bresadola. Bianca, who is in the process of chemotherapy, has lost her hair.

"We're making Bianca feel comfortable about her new hairstyle," her mother said.

That includes letting Bianca pick out her own wigs (including a sparkling blue one) and letting her and her twin sister, Mia, buzz cut their father Marc Bresadola's head and spray him with a pink mohawk.

"Cool, I look like a skunk," their father said as the girls finished styling his hair.

Bianca and Mia understand what cancer means but don't quite understand the gravity of the situation, their mother said. They twirled and hopped around the salon, laughing that they get to shave heads.

"Everyone in class wants to push me in my wheelchair," Bianca said. "I only let Gracie, Sierra, Destiny and Kailin."

Her dad, she said, is the only boy who gets the honor of pushing the wheelchair.

Family and friends are hosting a benefit to defray some of Bianca's medical bills.

The benefit is scheduled for 5 to 9 p.m., July 26 at St. Rose of Lima School in North Syracuse. For more information, visit www.helpbianca.com.

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