



Shaving the Way to Conquer Kids' Cancer

- ✿ Each person's head has an average of 100,000 strands of hair.
- ✿ In the history of St. Baldrick's, more than 1,500,000,000 strands have been shorn.
- ✿ A person loses 40 – 100 hairs a day. You're losing it anyway, so you might as well give up all 100,000!
- ✿ One brave shavee went straight to her local tattoo artist for a shamrock tattoo on her freshly shaved head.
- ✿ Hair grows faster in the summer, so the best time for a head-shaving event is in the Spring!
- ✿ One of our shavees raised money by agreeing to dance a jig at his workplace and allowing colleagues to throw cream pies at him, if he met his fundraising goal.
- ✿ In Fairbanks, Alaska, our shavees were doubly brave since March temperatures can be as low as -2 degrees or top a chilly 24 degrees. Brrrr!
- ✿ During a lifetime, the average human will grow 590 miles of hair, so why not shave off some inches?
- ✿ One of our New York shavees won a sales competition at work – winning a two-year, all expenses paid lease on a Porsche 911. However, instead of hitting the highway, he donated the value to St. Baldrick's, that's \$48,000 in total.
- ✿ Blondes tend to have about 140,000 hairs on their head, compared to 110,000 for brown hair, 108,000 for black and only 90,000 for those with red hair! Will blondes have more fun shaving it all off? Why not try it and see!
- ✿ Sorry ladies, women's hair is only about half the thickness of men's.
- ✿ A hairless person is called bald for etymological reasons. The term "bald" derives from the English word balde, which means "white", hence the bald eagle. Historically, people have resorted to all sorts of tricks to cover their 'balde patch', even using spray paint to try and fix it.
- ✿ And next time you try that comb over – watch out! You might owe a fee to the patent owner. Yes, the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) awarded a 1975 patent for comb over: it is patent number 4022227.