



Angels With Scissors Cut-a-Thon Raises \$1,000

Roanoke, Va. – The Hollins community joined with Angels with Scissors, a coalition of local salon owners and hair stylists, to make the latter’s first campus Cut-a-Thon on April 2 a tremendous success, raising approximately \$1,000 to benefit the Roanoke Rescue Mission.

The event, which took place in Moody Student Center, was powered by local salon owners and hair stylists, who volunteered their time and expertise to cut the hair of Hollins students, faculty and staff.

“Everyone involved had a wonderful time and it was such a positive day and atmosphere,” says Hollins Sophomore Sharon Mirtaheri, a retired hairstylist who founded Angels with Scissors in 2005 and is now enrolled in the university’s Horizon adult degree program.

Stylists volunteered their time and expertise to cut the hair of 42 students, faculty and staff. One of the Cut-a-Thon’s highlights was the Student Government Association’s contribution of \$120 to provide cuts for five “longhaired” faculty members, including Communication Studies Chair Chris Richter and Dean of Academic Services Alison Ridley.

“The Rescue Mission is an excellent cause,” said Richter. “I think this event sets a great precedent for future charity fundraisers. Maybe next year I’ll win a complete makeover.” Richter contributed additional money to the cause, even though the cost of his cut was already covered.

Ridley gave her newly-shorn ponytail to Locks of Love, an organization that makes realistic wigs for children with cancer.

Helen Kerrigan, a representative from the Roanoke Rescue Mission, said it was the “best event [she] had ever attended.”

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