

Village Locks of Love Benefit lifts Spirits as it shortens hairstyles.

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Hair was flying in Multnomah Village as 10 women gave of themselves for others.

On Oct. 3, Fusion Cut & Color Salon hosted a Locks of Love benefit. Ten women donated 10 inches or more of their hair, and moods were elevated as locks were shorn. "It's for such a good cause," said Jen Parks of North Portland. "I had wanted to cut [my hair] anyway, but this made me cut it shorter."

Tamara Marshall, along with her mom and salon partner, Adrienne Selker, decided to hold the benefit as part of First Friday in the Village.

"It's a life changing experience for some women," she said.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization based in Florida that makes hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children under 18 who have experienced medical hair loss. Ponytails of 10-12 inches are cut, bagged and sent to the organization.

Marshall said she decided to have the event because she believes in the cause. "it's a great thing to do," she said. "People call us for this."

For information on Locks of Love, see the website www.locksoflove.org. Or call the salon at 503-346-7940.