

## Girl gives up Hair for Child

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Hair Loss News

In the name of art, Jessica Pearce cut off more than 2 feet of blond hair, and a child who needs it will get a beautiful wig. Cary Charron cut Jessica Pearce's hair for her role in an upcoming production of Peter Pan. The tresses will go to Wigs for Kids...In the name of art, Jessica Pearce cut off more than 2 feet of blond hair, and a child who needs it will get a beautiful wig. That way, Pearce said, when she takes to the stage as Peter Pan in Centerville later this month, she will look the part. "It's worth it. I really, really love this play. And it's exciting to give my hair away," she said. When Pearce first auditioned for the Rodgers Memorial Theater production, director Jim Christian made it clear he wanted the female leads in each of the two casts to have short hair. "It's an intimate venue and a wig would have looked wiggy," Christian said.

And so Pearce, and the other Peter Pan, Maryl Dover, got haircuts. Dover will lose only a few inches, since her hair is chin-length. Pearce toyed with the idea of selling her hair to help pay for college textbooks. When she found out she would get only about \$100, barely enough to pay for one book, she decided donating it was a better idea. She will send her tresses to an organization called Wigs for Kids. Based in Rocky River, Ohio, the nonprofit Wigs for Kids ([www.wigsforkids.org](http://www.wigsforkids.org)) provides wigs for children with diseases that cause hair loss, or children who are undergoing medical treatments that cause them to lose their hair. "After I thought about selling it and then found Wigs for Kids, selling it didn't seem very nice," Pearce said. Besides that, she can't wait to fly with no hair to hinder her.

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