

## Kids Kuts Sponsors 'Locks of Love' Hair Drive

Kids Kuts hair salon will sponsor a hair drive to benefit Locks of Love July 1-4. Individuals who have at least 8 inches of hair to donate should call Kids Kuts Salon at 770-924-4950 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available Tuesday through Friday. Donated hair may be permed or dyed, but not bleached. Proceeds will go toward Beth Boyer's pledge for the Susan G. Komen 3-day walk for a cure for cancer. "So please grow out your hair and come to Kids Kuts and donate for the Cure," says Sabra Dupree, owner of Kids Kuts Salon.

Locks of Love is a not-for-profit organization that provides recipients with a custom, vacuum-fitted hairpiece made entirely from donated human hair. The vacuum fit is designed for children who have experienced a total loss of scalp hair and does not require the use of tape or glue. Children comprise over 80 percent of the donors, making this a charity where children have an opportunity to help children. Most of the applicants suffer from an autoimmune condition called alopecia areata for which there is no known cause or cure. Others have suffered severe burns or other dermatological conditions that result in permanent hair loss.

"The goal is secure at least 200 inches of hair," says Sabra Dupree. "Self-image is so important for young boys and girls," explains Sabra. "We need to feel comfortable in our own skin, and hair loss can be a barrier to self-esteem. The Locks of Love program provides a way for those who have 8 or more inches of hair to help someone with no hair to feel better."

Kids Kuts is a full-service salon that offers hair care services, as well as skin care, manicures and pedicures.. "I started Kids Kuts in 2000, and it's always been important for us to be a part of the community and to help our neighbors," says Sabra.

Locks of Love, which began operation in 1998, has helped over 2,000 children since its first year of operation. Thousands of bundles of donated hair arrive as a result of the national publicity that Locks of Love receives in newspapers, magazines, and television programs.. Donated hair is evaluated for its usefulness according to the following guidelines: it must be at least 10 inches in length; it must be bundled in a pony-tail or a braid; bleached hair cannot be used. Hair that has been dyed or permed can be used. For more information about Locks of Love, visit [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org) online.

Kids Kuts Salon is located at 2323 Shallowford Road, just west of Lassiter High School.