

Teen's donation has special meaning

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Contributor

Carrollton resident Leanne Donnell recently donated 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that provides wigs for children suffering hair loss from any diagnosis.

This is the second time that Leanne, 15, has donated her hair to the organization, the first time being 3 years ago.

In August, Leanne's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and has since lost her hair. This added a special meaning to Leanne as she again donated her hair.

Karen Detrick of B&J Hair Company in Carrollton donated her services by cutting and styling Leanne's hair.

Leanne is the daughter of Brian and Amy Donnell of Carrollton and attends Greenhill School in Addison.

For more information about Locks of Love, visit locksoflove.org.

Ruth Anne Donnell contributes to neighborsgo.com on behalf of her granddaughter, Leanne Donnell.



Photos submitted by RUTH ANNE DONNELL
Leanne Donnell displays her hair before and after getting it cut.



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Author Andrea Bermúdez autographs presentation materials for Hannah Tucker (left) and for her granddaughter, Julianne Bermúdez, of Farmers Branch. Andrea spoke at a recent meeting of Girl Scout Troop 490, of which the girls are members.

Author teaches Girl Scouts, helps them earn badge

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A group of area Girl Scouts recently learned about life in Cuba.

Author Andrea Bermúdez was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Girl Scout Troop 490. Bermúdez wrote *The Incomplete Traveler*, an autobiography that details her life in pre-Castro Cuba, her years in communist Cuba, and how she started her new life in America.

Her presentation helped the 24 Girl Scouts, most of whom attend Mary Immaculate Catholic School in Farmers Branch, to earn the Model Citizen badge needed as part of the Troop's work toward the Girl Scout Bronze Award.

"It was interesting to learn about life in another country," said 10-year-old Marisa Martinez of Carrollton. "I didn't know all of that went on in Cuba."

During the meeting, the girls learned what it means to be a model citizen, no matter where you live.

"As part of The Girl Scout Law, our Scouts promise to 'make the world a better place,'" Troop Leader Jamie Griffin said. "Hopefully, all 24 of our Girl Scouts walked away with a new understanding of what that means."

Rosemary Martinez contributes to neighborsgo.com on behalf of Mary Immaculate Catholic School.

BRIEFS

Tincy Miller to speak at Republican women's club meeting

Preston West Republican Women will meet Wednesday to hear Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, former State Board of Education member. Miller, who served on the board from 1984 to 2010, will give her insights on the current state of education in Texas. Refreshments and networking begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the Oak Room at Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center, 14050 Heartside Place. Visitors are welcome at PWRW meetings. Membership information will be available at the meeting.

Carrollton Women's Club fashion show set for April

The Carrollton Women's Club's annual fashion show will begin with a reception at 10:30 a.m. April 14 at Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Drive in Farmers Branch. There will be a luncheon, fashion show and more. The club's primary focus is providing scholarships for qualifying graduating girls who live in Carrollton through the event. Tickets are \$35; deadline is April 1.

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