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Our very own Donna Henshaw (Tyson's agent since 1992) and family are actively involved in the St. Baldrick's Foundation which each year has participants shave their heads to raise donations and awareness to help fight cancer. The Henshaws have raised over \$50,000 for this cause which focuses on raising money for childhood cancer research worldwide. Below is an essay written by Donna's oldest daughter, Erin, a UVA senior, about her experience with cancer and this wonderful organization.

At the age of nine, I had my first real encounter with cancer. My Uncle Jeff was diagnosed with stomach cancer, and a few months later he passed away, leaving my two young cousins and aunt to face a difficult journey of pain and healing. A few years later a close family friend, Frances Goldsmith, was diagnosed with brain cancer at the age of 8. Though she found beauty in life through art throughout her entire struggle, Frances also lost her battle with cancer at the age of 9.

Motivated and inspired by her insightful quote "Love is what our lifespan is, so have a wonderful time," Frances' parents got involved in a children's cancer research charity called St. Baldrick's. This charity is hosted yearly around the world, and raises money for life-saving research by brave souls who are willing to shave their heads.

In 2002 my mom (Donna) went bald in Frances' honor, and the following year my sister was shorn as well. In 2004, my freshmen year of college at UVA, I also went bald, thus completing the Henshaw girls' trifecta. Just when I was beginning to believe that maybe bad things came in twos, my close friend, eighteen year old Stephen Price, was diagnosed with testicular, brain, kidney and lung cancer. Despite the fact that this diagnosis likened to the ever-popular Lance Armstrong, this was scary and shocking news to everyone who knew Stephen. It is, however, thanks to research by organizations like St. Baldrick's that Stephen is still fighting his battle with cancer a year later.

Uncle Jeff, Frances and Stephen are the main reasons that I find myself getting more and more involved with cancer charities, and recently succeeded in organizing my own St. Baldrick's celebration this March in Charlottesville. To date, my family and I have raised over \$50,000 for children's cancer research, and we hope to bring in a lot more shaves and donations in the future.

The role cancer has played in my life has caused me not only to organize and promote cancer and other charities; it has truly changed my perspective on life. I have always been active in community service, but it wasn't until Frances died of cancer and I became involved in St. Baldrick's that I truly realized how much of an impact each individual can make in the fight against cancer, or any cause for that matter. I have learned that although bad things may often come in threes, good things can come in threes as well, like three bald heads.

For further information about this cause or to donate, you can call Donna directly, 703.801.9000, or check out the St. Baldrick's website at www.stbaldricks.org, enter shaves last name (Henshaw) and click a photo.

