



**CUT ABOVE** Kind Tia Parham with her cut hair, left, and the other pictures show just how much she had snipped away, all for a good cause

# Tia loses locks to help children fighting cancer

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**MORE** than £1,300 and almost an entire head of hair has been donated by a girl to help children battling cancer.

Tia Parham, of Gosport, cut her hair and donated it to the Little Princess Trust so that it can be made into wigs for children with the disease.

The eight-year-old announced her decision to her parents after returning home from school several weeks ago.

'I don't know where she got it from - she just came out with it,' said Tia's mum, Anita Parham.

'We asked her if she would regret it and she said she wanted to go ahead.'

'She just wanted to help children who weren't as fortunate

**After five years growing her hair, girl gets new look to raise money for charity**

as her. We were very proud, it's a very lovely thing to do.'

Tia had been growing her hair for five years and it was most of the way down her back before it was cut.

Her parents set up a JustGiving page to raise money and used Facebook to spread the word.

When the time came to have the haircut last Thursday, Tia had raised more than £1,300.

She originally set out to raise £350, the cost of one wig, but is still collecting money so that she can make the total up to £1,400, enough for her hair to be made into four wigs.

'We were really proud, it was just a shock her coming home

from school and saying it without any prompting,' said dad, Gary, 41.

On the big day, Tia was joined by her nan, Jane, sister, Elisha, 11, and her parents.

When asked about whether she missed her hair, Tia's response was short - just like her locks - as she said: 'I'm happy'.

The Little Princess Trust provides wigs for boys and girls who have lost their hair as a result of cancer treatment.

Tia's JustGiving page is still open so that she can reach the £1,400 mark.

Anyone wanting to donate can go to [justgiving.com/Anita-Parham1](http://justgiving.com/Anita-Parham1)