

## **A Philanthropist I Personally Know and Admire the Most**

A philanthropist I personally know and admire the most is my mom. My mom, Brooke Evens is a hair stylist who owns and works at a salon in Avon. Because my mom knows how much cancer patients have to go through and how many medical expenses there are, she does cancer patients' hair or wigs for free to help them. When a cancer patient starts to lose their hair and they would like their hair shaved off my mom meets them at her salon on her off days in order for them to have the privacy they need. It's an emotional process for the person going through treatments and not one they would like witnessed by a salon full of people. She shapes and restyles wigs for them at no charge. As their hair starts to grow back in she offers to trim that hair up occasionally at no charge as well. This helps them keep their hair trimmed and maintained as it starts to fill back in.

She also helps people wanting to donate their hair for wigs. The hair has to be measured and parted off into ponytails for donation. She does all this at no additional cost. These donations go to help women and children dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatments.

My mom has also donated time to go and cut hair at a womens' homeless shelter. There she, along with other stylists she knows, cut and styled many women and children's hair who were currently living in the shelter.

As a hairstylist there are many ways my mom can contribute her skills and time to help the community and these are just a few of the ways she tries to help others and improve people's lives.