# **NEWS**



Melodie LaTraille of Wahpeton with her youngest daughter Winter LaTraille.

### **KINDNESS CONTINUED FROM A1**

by cancer, alopecia and other conditions.

"I chose this organization because they try really hard to give the wigs away for free. Some places make families pay, and I didn't want that."

The donation process is straightforward but requires care the hair must be clean, dry, secured in ponytails or braids and packaged in a sealed bag with the date of the cut and mailing.

"Things get lost in the mail, so they need to track it," she said.

The emotional impact of cutting hair is always bittersweet.

"Every time, I wish I had more to give. I don't have thick hair like some people do, but I give what I can," said LaTraille.

LaTraille's family has been deeply supportive.

"My brother said, 'That's awesome. I'm so proud of you.' My son asked why I cut it all off and had a lot of questions. It turned into a chance to talk to him about kindness and giving," she

expressed.

That spirit of giving has even trickled down to her children. LaTraille's daughter, Aurora LaTraille, has hosted Make-A-Wish lemonade stands, volunteers as a junior zookeeper, and together, the family built a Little Free Library in front of their home to share books with the people.

Even though La-Traille hasn't met any of the recipients of her donations, that's never been the point.

"I don't need to know where it goes. It's just about caring for others," she said.

LaTraille encourages anyone considering a similar gesture to go

"Even if you don't want to cut your hair, you can still support organizations like Children With Hair Loss with donations or just by spreading the word. Follow them, share their posts and use their hashtag: #cutpasslove. It's fun to see other stories," she said.

Looking ahead, La-Traille says she plans to keep donating every three to five years. "As long as I can, I will."



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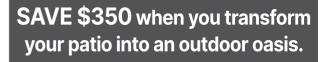
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