

## **Bob Evans Restaurant on Youngstown Road Presents:**

### **Two Stories about Kindness to Strangers**



#### **Brittany Queen-Queen of Hearts**

Last spring, Brittany Queen received a letter from her aunt in Florida describing the plight of a ten-year old girl suffering from brain cancer. As a result of chemotherapy, she lost all of her hair. Brittany was saddened to learn that the girl's family did not have enough money to purchase a wig. She decided to help. Brittany grew her hair as long as possible so that a wig could be created for the child. It was cut, braided and sent to Florida. Brittany stated, "At first when I looked in the mirror, I felt weird. It was like I didn't know this person that was staring back at me. But I realize that my hair will grow back and I feel blessed to have helped someone. During the summer, she received a phone call from the 10 year-old thanking her for the donation of hair. She told Brittany, "Your gift meant a lot to me. **Our** hair is beautiful."

Brittany is currently a senior enrolled in the Hospitality Program at the TCTC. Her English instructor, Lisa Lodwick believes that Brittany's kindness extends beyond her gift of hair. Lodwick said, "She is a caring young lady who will help her classmates if they are having difficulty. She strives to do her best in everything that she attempts."

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#### **Brittany Hagee- Crutches on the Outside, Character on the Inside**

With Brittany's permission, we reveal that she has cerebral palsy, but everybody knows that the disease does not have her. She requires the assistance of crutches, but she possesses an indomitable spirit. She is focused on what she can accomplish instead of what she cannot.. Brittany is a senior in Hospitality. Her program instructor, Nancy Kitzmiller, said, "Brittany is enthusiastic and highly motivated. She is determined to complete any task that is assigned to her."

Brittany has formed a close relationship with her physical therapist, Barb Thomas. Together, the two of them joined forces to help children who have lost their hair because of cancer. They grew their hair long and donated it to the Wigs for Kids Foundation. This

organization provides wigs to kids who have lost their hair after undergoing radiation treatment.

As they were cutting Brittany's hair to create the wig, she shed a few tears, but she was not feeling sorry for herself. She stated, "These were tears of joy, not sadness. I knew that I was doing something nice for someone else. I think we should help people if we are in a position to do so."

Character can be defined in a variety of ways, but at the TCTC, we believe that Brittany Hagee is a wonderful example.

In recognition of the good deeds of Brittany and Brittany, the Bob Evans Restaurant on Youngstown Road by the Eastwood Mall presented each of the girls with the fresh baked pie of their choice. What a sweet ending to a very sweet story.