

# A day of beauty for cancer awareness

## Coventry students ply their trades for cancer research

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COVENTRY—They may not be considered “officially professional” just yet, but the students in the Cosmetology program at the Coventry High School Career and Technical Center did provide some pretty qualified services during a fund raiser last month.

The students were apparently so proficient in their abilities that they brought in more than \$1,000. All of the money will be going to a breast cancer charity. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so in recognition of that month, Lori Ferguson, the director of the Coventry High School Career and Technical Center said, that the cosmetology students decided that they wanted to do a fundraiser to support the cause.

Ferguson said the students in the cosmetology program organized a Cosmetology Charity Day, where they booked appointments with members of

the general public for a full range of services including facials, manicure and pedicures, as well as a variety of hair services. Each of the clients that visited the school based salon that day paid the full school discounted rate, but the students donated all of those proceeds to the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk.

The students decided to dedicate the donation in the name of Lisa Masse, one of the school’s music teachers who is currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer, but is back to work this year.

The cosmetology students were not the only students to show their support to the cause, Ferguson said. In fact, she said, students from both the Culinary Arts department and the Graphic Communications department also helped out. She said that the culinary arts students made pink cupcakes which were sold during school lunches and to the public and the Graphic Communications program students designed and then made pink tee shirts with the Fight Pink logo on them.

Several thousand dollars was raised from the sale of those items alone, Ferguson said.

In total, the school donated

more than \$3,500 to the charity.

Every year, Ferguson said, the center tries to select some cause to support and this year, it just happened to be a breast cancer charity that the students opted to support. Next year, she said, it will likely be something different.

This year’s charity event took place on Saturday, October 23. Services were provided throughout the entire day, and according to Ferguson, the students were booked pretty solidly.

The program does provide a full line of hair, nail and skin services to the general public at a greatly discounted rate from the typical salon. Appointments are required for those services though and can be made by calling the school at 822-9499 ext. 191.

The students who complete the cosmetology program at the Coventry High School Career and Technical Center have completed enough hours in the practical application of the program that they can take their state board exam at the end of their senior year so that upon graduation form the school, those students will not only have their diploma, but also have a fully certified cosmetology license.



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**Students in Coventry High's Cosmetology program provided beauty services to the public and donated the proceeds to a breast cancer charity. The pink shirts seen in the photos were designed and sold by the Graphics Communications students and the Culinary Arts students sold pink cupcakes, all to help the cause.**

