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Floyd, VA – In 2003, Employees of Citizens Telephone Cooperative created ACE Community Solutions (ACE), a non-profit organization committed to corporate citizenship. ACE supports communities through generous financial contributions, in-kind donations, and employee volunteerism. The sole purpose of ACE is to support members and to invest in the future of area citizens through contributions, programs, and projects that encourage individual prosperity and build communities through charitable, educational, recreational, and technological partnerships.



About three years ago, ACE board member, Shelia Bower, decided to make a personal pledge to help those battling cancer and other long-term illnesses. She abstained from cutting her hair for 3 years only to have it cut to donate to Locks of Love. In February, 2008, Sheila asked local stylist, Kathy Nolen, to do the honors of cutting ten inches of her hair for the donation.



Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. Locks of love meet a unique need for children by using

donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses provided helps to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

“When my granddaughter, Charity, was born, we were so thankful for her good health and I felt such an overwhelming desire to help other children who were stricken with illness,” commented Shelia. “Charity brings so much joy to our lives and we are so blessed; Locks of Love is one way that I could share this love and help someone at the same time.”

For more information about Locks of Love, contact LOCKS OF LOVE Toll Free Information Line (888) 896-1588; 2925 10th Avenue N, Suite 102, Lake Worth, FL 33461-3099.

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