Six year old donates hair to help another child with cancer

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For six year old Alexa Graham, a grade one student at Mansonville’s Baluchon elementary school, it’s taken awhile to get used to her short hair after sporting long and healthy locks for the past year. Right before the end of the Christmas holidays, Alexa decided, with the encouragement of her cousin Lindsey, that her hair was long enough to cut to shoulder length and still have enough leftover to donate to an organization that makes free wigs for children who are suffering with cancer.

“I look up to my cousin Lindsey,” said Alexa. “Even though I was uncertain, I decided to do it,” she said. “Your hair grows back,” she stated. “If you can help another kid, why wouldn’t you do it?”

Alexa’s family donated her hair to “DonEspoirCancer,” the only non-profit organization authorized in Quebec to accept donations of natural hair given to make wigs for children 16 and under who are suffering with cancer. For more information contact: www.donespoir-cancer.ca

“A couple of my friends have family members suffering from cancer and it is very sad,” explained Alexa. “I know other people who have cut their hair to donate to help someone and my Mom told me that even kids could do it; so that’s what I did!”

Alexa doesn’t feel that it is that big a deal and although she is a little shy, she is quick to remind us all of the follow-up.

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Alexa’s long hair before she cut it for cancer

Alexa with short hair after cutting it for cancer

Canada will seek United Nations security council seat, Trudeau says

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Canada is looking to win a seat on the UN Security Council as part of a move to renew its relationship with the world body, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said today.

Trudeau shared a podium with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon as he spoke of his plans to rebuild Canadian ties to the organization.

The two men held talks on a number of issues at the start of Ban’s short visit to Ottawa and Montreal.

“The issue of the UN Security Council,” Ban said, “is quick to remind us all of the follow-up.

“I reiterated the commitment of our government to strengthen the UN’s ability to maintain international peace and security, including by increasing support for peace operations and contributing more to mediation, conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction efforts.”

The Harper government was criticized at the time for failing to make a strong bid for the seat.

The 15-member council has five permanent members and 10 members elected by the assembly to two-year terms.

Ban says he welcomes Trudeau’s plan to rebuild a robust relationship with the UN, saying Canada has a long and distinguished partnership with the organization.

The two men’s talks covered issues ranging from climate change to the resettlement of Syrian refugees and Canada’s return to major peacekeeping operations.

Trudeau said he told Ban that Canada wants to be involved as a peacemaker.

Canadian involvement to UN peacekeeping dwindled sharply in the Harper years as the military was ensmeshed in Afghanistan.

That will change, Trudeau told Ban.

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