‘GO BALD’ FOR CANCER; IN MEMORY OF RMC CHAPLAIN

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PHOTO: RMC student Becca Severson grimaces as her hair is cut during last year’s “Go Bald” event at Rocky Mountain College.

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BILLINGS – Last February Rocky Mountain College Chaplain Kristi Foster organized what she called a “hair raising event” that resulted in dozens of people having their hair shorn during halftime of an RMC basketball game. Rev. Foster wanted “to raise awareness, raise support and raise money” to fight cancer. Dubbed “Go Bald,” the event raised more than $6,000 for the American Cancer Society.

This year, “Foster Kristi’s Hope: The 2nd Annual Go Bald Event” will be held February 21, 2013 during halftime of the Battlin’ Bears women’s and men’s games against MSU Northern.

Rev. Foster, herself fighting cancer, died in March, a month after last year’s event. In memory of her remarkable battle against the disease and her selfless effort to help other cancer victims, the “Go Bald” event will again raise money and support for the American Cancer Society, according to Dr. Karen Beiser, an RMC professor and a close friend of Foster’s.

“We call it the ‘Foster Kristi’s Hope’ event because we want to continue having this event in her memory and to push for something she believed in – finding a cure,” Beiser said.

The event is organized by the Rocky Walkers, the college’s Relay for Life team, of which Foster was a member.

Long hair will go, as it did last year, to a wig-making charity which provides free wigs to cancer patients. (Hair that can be used for wigs must be 8”-10” in length and will go to a local group, Pantene Beautiful Lengths.)

For those who want to make a donation, checks may be made out to American Cancer Society and sent to: Robyn Cummings, Rocky Mountain
College, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, Mont., 59102.

Those wanting to participate (have their hair cut) should contact Cummings prior to the event. Anyone who wants donate hair is asked to secure at least $25 in pledges. Pledge sheets are available from Cummings.

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