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Shamrock Shave Announces Area's "Mane" Fundraising Event for 2012

Algonquin, Illinois – February 10, 2012 – Introduced four years ago with low expectations, the Shamrock Shave benefit has quickly grown to become a major fundraising event at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Algonquin.

On Saturday, March 10th organizers estimate that over 50 men, women and children will shave their heads to raise money for community families in need and for cancer research.

This year's Shamrock Shave will combine fun, food, entertainment, and head shaving in an effort to raise money for two very worthwhile causes. 100% of all event proceeds and pledges will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, to support community families in need, and to Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

Last year's Shamrock Shave event raised over \$27,000, with over 500 adults and children in attendance. This year, event organizers hope for even more success. According to Kal Gibron, Event Chairperson, "The Shamrock Shave is a unique fundraising event that brings the entire community together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, while also raising money for two great causes. Last year, once again, the Shave exceeded all expectations. This year we hope to raise more money for charity, shave more heads, and have even more 'Irish' family fun."

The event starts with a traditional Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage at 5:30 PM in St. Margaret Mary's School Gymnasium, with dinner proceeds also being donated to charity. The "Mane" festivities begin at 6:45 PM with head shavings staggered throughout the evening. Stylists from HIP Salon in Schaumburg and other local hair salons have volunteered their time to perform the shavings, and other local businesses are sponsoring the event with food and monetary donations.

Between the head shavings, "Kingsfold," one of Chicagoland's most renowned Irish bands, will be performing classic and contemporary favorites. The Dundee Scottish Pipe Band, Katie Scullen, Summers Dance Crew and Mayer School of Irish Dance will also be performing. A fun-filled family event, there will also be a Jig Contest, a Best Irish Costume contest, kid's activities, door prizes, and raffles all in a fun St. Patrick's Day party atmosphere.

Admission is \$2.00 at the door for adults and \$1.00 for children, and at no charge with a meal purchase. The St. Margaret Mary Education Center is at the corner of Eastgate and Algonquin Rd. in Algonquin. For more information, visit us online at www.saintmargaretmary.org/shave.

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