

## ANGEL HAIR

*“The hair is the richest ornament of women.”*

– Martin Luther

**S**taci Wright had an all-American upbringing in a loving family. And then when she was 13, an intruder broke into her safe circle. Cancer.

As tough as cancer is, this young teenager was tougher. “Staci was so strong,” says her mom, Debbie. “I know this sounds odd, but she gave *me* strength.”

Staci was frightened over the thought of losing her hair, but she was a determined girl. An avid soccer player, Staci got back into the game as soon as possible. Meanwhile, Debbie learned of a hair system that looks real and stays in place – even on the soccer field.

Staci loved her new hair, but was concerned about the other kids she met at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in Portland, Oregon. “It’s tough for people my age to lose their hair,” she says. “They lose their self-esteem.”

That’s when Staci and Debbie decided to do something to help other children and teenagers who were dealing with hair loss.

### **Unexpected outcome**

Staci grew up in Eugene, Oregon, where her dad runs a successful second-generation family business. She has an older brother, Zach, and a younger sister, Sydney. The Wrights get together several times a year with nearby extended family members to celebrate holidays, birthdays, weddings and graduations.

Staci was always healthy and active – she’d been playing soccer since kindergarten. The Wrights have a cabin on a lake in the Cascade Mountains and Staci could pretty much keep up with Zach on a snowboard or wakeboard.

Life was good.

And then Staci started getting terrible headaches. The doctors treated her for migraines, but the medication didn’t help. One day her headache was so severe that she was delirious. Staci was rushed to the emergency room where she underwent a battery of tests.