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Money Raised Benefits Cancer Research and Patients at Levine Children’s Hospital

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. –Gardner-Webb’s campus got quite a bit hairier last month as some members of the University family participated in the popular parade of manhood known as “No Shave November.” While men all over the country decided to leave their razors hanging in the balance just for fun, the men’s baseball team at GWU decided to grow their beards for a good cause.

Almost all of the players and coaches who participated in “No Shave November” collected donations to raise money for childhood cancer patients and research. So far the team has raised nearly \$4,500 with the numbers continuing to grow. Half of the all proceeds will benefit national childhood cancer research, and the other half will help kids directly at Levine Children’s Hospital, in Charlotte, N.C.

“We are in a position of privilege to be a part of a Division I baseball program and we also have the ability to influence others positively,” said head coach Rusty Stroupe. “By giving back, we show the community that we care about others and take our responsibilities as role models seriously.”

The baseball team is not new to sacrificing their appearance for a good cause. In 2012, they teamed up with the St. Baldrick’s Foundation and participated in a “Baseball” event, where players and coaches shaved their heads to raise money. GWU baseball plans to continue fundraisers to benefit childhood cancer research.

“We try to do something different every year, but whatever we do will likely be regarding fund raising for childhood cancer,” added Stroupe. “We got our heads shaved last year so this year we thought we would do the opposite.”

The baseball team was able to display their manly beards at the halftime of the Gardner-Webb men’s basketball game against Wofford on Dec. 4. For more information on how to donate to the baseball team’s cause visit stayclassy.org/fundraise/team?ftid=27071.

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