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Helping the patient, helps the family

When we began Life's Changes, we thought that we were helping an individual feel better and more like they did before the diagnosis; however, the more people we assist, the more we realize that it is not just the individual but the entire family who feels "normalcy" come back to their lives. The wig also helps in avoiding unwanted questions or having to repeat "the story" multiple times.

For example, a young, professional mom with a five-year-old son shared that when they are getting ready to go somewhere her son always says to her "Mommy, don't forget your hair!" Even he is sensitive to his mom wanting to look "normal".

A young newlywed bride was diagnosed with breast cancer about six months after her wedding and soon had surgery followed by treatment. When she lost her hair, her only desire was to "look pretty" for her husband (she is stunningly beautiful with or without hair). After getting a wig from Life's Changes, she felt like herself again. And it has been reported, she is back to baking cookies for her hubby, which she had stopped doing.



The mom of a sweet seven-year-old girl who was recently diagnosed with alopecia wanted her daughter to have a wig before she began second grade. She worried that classmates of her daughter would be cruel. Now, with the help of Life's Changes, she is ready to go start school.

A strong, handsome retired firefighter said when he looked in the mirror, he thought that he looked sicker than he felt. He also believed that everyone who looked at him could tell he was battling cancer. After getting a Men's Wig, his shoulders straightened, his smile brightened, and he said he couldn't wait to go out to dinner with his wife.

Busy First 2 Quarters of 2018

It has been a very busy, rewarding year so far in 2018! Last year, 2017, we helped 16 persons and by the end of July 2018 we have been able to help 50 people! Most of these people were women, but we have also helped three children and one man. In addition to wigs, eyebrows are available. While the reasons of hair loss varied, breast cancer was the most common. Our clients come to us via several ways; Internet searches, by recommendation of friends and family, from information at doctors' offices and from a referral from Cancer Alliance of Help and Hope. **Getting the word out to those who we may help is exactly what we need help doing. Please share Life's Changes with your friends and family—anyone who we might help.**



Sip-n-Shop

JMcLaughlin on Worth Avenue, Palm Beach sponsored a Sip-n-Shop in their store for five hours in March. As customers shopped, we were able to share with them about how Life's Changes is helping so many people. **JMcLaughlin** generously gave Life's Changes 15% of the sales during those hours, totaling \$1,875.00. We were able to purchase many wigs with this wonderful gift. Thank you **JMcLaughlin** for the great opportunity for us to also spread the word about what we do.

Life's Changes Thrift Boutique

In February, we opened Life's Changes Thrift Boutique. Friends of Life's Changes nonprofit have been extremely generous in donating many sought-after, gently-used items. People are stopping in finding all kinds of treasures. Proceeds of the Thrift Boutique support the mission to provide wigs to those with medical hair-loss. Stop by the next time you are in the area to see what type of treasure you might find. We get new things in almost every day. And items are priced to sell! If you are decluttering your home, consider donating your items to Life's Changes Thrift Boutique. We accept gently-used household décor, accessories, and small furniture. Due to limited space, we are unable to accept clothes, shoes or books. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, your donation may be tax deductible!



Wigs For Kids

In the past 6 months, as an affiliate of **Wigs For Kids**, we have sent 20 ponytails from generous persons who have grown their hair in order to donate at least 12-inches. **Wigs For Kids** provides custom, human hair wigs for children with cancer.

101 For 501

Life's Changes was selected to take part in a 5-week workshop at Nonprofits First entitled "101 for the 501". Great information regarding Board Governance, Human Resource Requirements, Fund Development, Media Relations, Volunteer Management, and Fiscal Responsibility. We appreciate Nonprofits First for the opportunity to attend the workshop and to gain so much helpful information on running a nonprofit.

Community Cancer Council

Life's Changes is a member of the **Community Cancer Council**, a collaborative group of organizations that works with and assists in a variety of ways those who are battling cancer. Meeting bi-monthly, information about the organization is shared, problems brain-stormed, and relationships are formed, all to help the patient navigate the cancer journey. Life's Changes was able to help at least five persons from referrals from other members of the **Community Cancer Council** for which we are most grateful.

Advertising on WAY-FM

We were fortunate to meet someone from WAY-FM who told us how the radio station will provide FREE advertising for nonprofits on their station for up to 90-days. So, if you happen to be listening to WAY-FM on 88.1 FM radio, you just might hear our ad asking for volunteers and for donations to the Thrift Boutique.

Testimonial

"One of the many things on my mind after being diagnosed with breast cancer was how to confront the hair loss while navigating the process of getting a wig. The discovery of Life's Changes organization helped alleviate that burden! You are angels, and I thank you tremendously for lifting the burden. God bless you and your beautiful hearts!" ~SM

Won't you partner with us?

Please consider a financial donation to Life's Changes to partner with us reach our goal in helping more than 100 people by year's end. Use the enclosed envelope and please include your Name, Email Address and phone number. We also gratefully accept gently used household items in the Life's Changes Thrift Boutique, proceeds help us purchase wigs to give to qualifying clients. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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