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### ***Police Shave Their Heads to Raise Money***

*Oakland, CA* – On March 17, 2012, a team of Oakland police officers, family, and friends, shaved their heads to raise money in St. Baldrick's Fifth Annual fundraiser at Children's Hospital. Participants received pledged donations in support of life-saving, childhood cancer research.

Last year, the OPD team ranked the second highest in fundraising as a team for the hospital. This year, the team OPD raised \$33,364 which is currently more than any other team participating. Children's Hospital raised a total of 149,146.

Sergeant Rick Andreotti of the Oakland Police Department said, *"I want to thank the team members who stepped up to the plate and shaved their heads as a sign of solidarity with the children who lost their hair as a result of their treatment."*

Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan said he is proud of the men and women who not only serve our community, but also contribute to this great cause that has such an impact on our children.

**Background:** The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity, committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers, and give survivors long and healthy lives.

The foundation coordinates worldwide head shaving events where volunteers get bald to stand in solidarity with kids fighting cancer and raise money to support life saving cancer research.

Donations can still be made by visiting [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org) then go to Team OPD.

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