

Campbellsville hosts St. Baldrick's March 18

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Since 2005, St. Baldrick's has raised over \$200 million in research funding. Its staple idea, as it comes to raising money, began with a dare.

John Bender, original developer of the idea behind St. Baldrick's, began his fundraising campaign by asking individuals to shave their heads in exchange for donations.

Bender's mission was to raise funding for childhood-cancer research.

In 2000, during its first major event, the St. Baldrick's foundation had a goal of shaving 17 heads for \$17,000, but the event ended with 19 shaved heads and \$104,000 towards cancer research.

"I do St. Baldrick's for the kids," Alex Meade, student at Campbellsville University, said.

Meade is a long-time participant in the St. Baldrick's challenge.

Campbellsville University is to host St. Baldrick fundraising event on March 18, 2017.

All proceeds from event will go to childhood cancer research.

"It's not fair at all for a kid to go through cancer. They skip their childhood, and sit in a hospital bed while criminals are perfectly healthy," Meade said. "If you want to see me cry, show me

videos of soldiers coming home to their families or tell me stories of children who have or had cancer. These kids are forced to give up everything. Families are forced to put up everything they own to try to save their child's life," Meade said.

Meade explained that getting involved in the St. Baldrick's foundation was as simple as logging on to a website.

"You sign up on St. Baldrick's website, Stbaldricks.org, and sign up to be shaved and can donate there. You do not have to shave your head, but you can donate

to someone who is shaving their head," Meade said.

If anyone would like more information on how to be involved or donate, please visit

stbaldricks.org.