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**Incident:** St. Baldrick's Fundraiser for 5-year-old San Ramon cancer survivor  
**Dates:** March 20, 2014  
**Location:** California High School

### DETAILS

San Ramon Police officers, as well as the Chief and dozens of firefighters, high school students and teachers "Shaved for the Brave" in honor of 5-year-old cancer survivor, JJ Moisa. The soon-to-be kindergartener is a two-time brain cancer survivor and San Ramon resident.

The event started at the Moisa family's home in San Ramon where police officers and fire fighters escorted the family to California High School. "I work with courageous men and women on the police force every day, but JJ takes courage to a whole new level," said Police Chief Joe Gorton. "I'm honored to be part of such a worthwhile cause."

Cpl. Tami Williams, a School Resource Officer at Cal High, met with the Moisa family who was looking for volunteers to attend a head-shaving fundraiser at Children's Hospital Oakland on March 15. Instead, Williams decided to organize a local fundraiser in JJ's honor.

"I'm a mom and once I met JJ, I thought it was a great opportunity for all of us to come together," Williams said. "We often we see people at their worst, and this was a chance to see them at their best, working together."

The head-shaving fundraiser, held during the lunch break at Cal High on Thursday, raised more than \$4,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. For a minimum donation of \$10 anyone could go under the razor to help raise money for childhood cancer research.

"I did not expect to have that much support," Williams said. "It was great to have everyone come together for such an incredible cause."

The head-shaving events began as a challenge between businessmen and it has grown from one event in 2000 to over 1,300 events in 2012 raising critical funds for childhood cancer research, according to the St. Baldrick's web site.