Come help support a great cause! Wigs For Kids (WFK) is a non-profit organization devoted to “helping children look themselves and live their lives!” The Mercer AWARE Peer Educators, Indigo Salon & Spa and other area partners are teaming up to give back to the Macon community and the larger cancer community as a whole.

AWARE (Advocating Wellness and Responsibility Everyday) is a student-driven group on Mercer’s campus, which comprises of students from all walks of life. Each Peer Educator is dedicated to helping promote wellness in others and advocating for their mental health. Having an event like this allows participants to come and get pampered to help relieve a bit of stress, all while supporting the WFK organization.

At the beginning of this semester, Brent Meyer—AWARE’s advisor and Asst. Director of CAPS— encouraged the AWARE members to think globally with at least one of their programs. “AWARE does a fantastic job of giving back to the Mercer University population. I wanted to challenge AWARE to be involved in the community and dedicate themselves to a service project that gives back,” Meyer said. Mercer University as a whole has a strong tradition dedicated to core values such as leading, inspiring, empowering and serving. AWARE’s commitment to these same values can be seen in every initiative they implement.

Abbey Sellers—AWARE’s Programming Committee Chair—stated that she “think[s] serving the community for nothing in return is the ultimate gift in life.” These sentiments are owned by each member of this initiative and each are excited to see what can grow from it. Jackie Wright, who owns Indigo Salon & Spa, loves the idea of being able to give back to others, while supporting a good cause. She believes that these types of initiatives are key to being active community members.

Forrest Corbett is AWARE’s Lead Peer Educator and knows the importance of events like this. “AWARE’s motto is ‘Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies.’ By providing programs like this, we can promote these ideals to more than just Mercer students.” Corbett is not the only one that feels this way either. Wright feels that “people generally assume that [her] job is making people look better, but what actually makes it worth it is making people feel better.”

Mark your calendars, tell your friends and plan to attend this great event supporting a number of great initiatives. The number of community members jumping on board with this event is growing by the day. The event takes place at Indigo Salon & Spa on Saturday, October 11th, 2014 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (rain or shine). Come get pampered before Mercer takes on Austin Peay at 4:00 pm! Hope to see you there!