



St. Baldrick's/Community Hospital  
Grand Valley 8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Head Shaving Event  
Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
11AM-4PM

PRESS RELEASE – April 22, 2019 – Grand Junction, Colorado

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Baldrick's Grand Valley/Community Hospital head shaving event will be held from 10AM-3PM on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Avalon Theatre. This annual family-friendly fundraising event shaves the heads of men, women and children to raise funds for lifesaving childhood cancer research. Those who volunteer to “Brave the Shave” stand in solidarity with children and young adults who lose their hair during cancer treatment.

Currently, less than 4% of the National Cancer Institute budget is spent on research to find cures for childhood cancers. The St. Baldrick's Foundation [stbaldricks.org](http://stbaldricks.org) is the second leading funder of childhood cancer research after the NCI. The Foundation raises funds in 50 States and 25 foreign countries and supports the most promising research worldwide with over \$37 million raised last year through its signature head shaving events and other fundraisers.

With the help of our dedicated shavees and volunteer fundraisers, sponsors, and supporters this local event has raised nearly \$400,000 in it's seven previous annual events. The 2019 event fundraising goal is \$75,000. Community Hospital has returned as the title sponsor this year. “We are incredibly proud to support the St. Baldrick's Foundation,” said Chris Thomas, President and CEO of Community Hospital. “Childhood cancer has impacted so many in our community. We are honored to help make a difference in the lives of children who are battling cancer,” added Thomas. Community's continued support, and the support from other local businesses, is instrumental in raising the funding needed for essential childhood cancers research.

We invite the public to “ROCK THE BALD” with us this year at the Avalon on June 22<sup>nd</sup>! The shaving will begin at 10AM on stage in the theatre. The event is free and open to the public, who are invited to cheer on our shavees. Our great silent auction fundraisers should not be missed. Food and beverage will be available for purchase.

To register to participate as a shavee or volunteer at this important community event, please visit the St. Baldrick's Grand Junction Event website: [www.stbaldricks.org/events/gv19](http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/gv19) or contact Robyn Carmine at 970-361-1059.

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