

Freedom Hair - Donating hair

Freedom Wigs is a company that specifically looks after those with long term extensive hairloss (mostly those with Alopecia Areata, Totalis and Universalis). Freedom makes a medical prosthesis that is specifically designed for those with these extreme hairloss conditions. It is a vacuum prosthetic that has a vapour permeable, (breathable) cap. A Freedom hairpiece is comfortable, secure and lifelike.

Hairloss is not as uncommon as you may imagine. Worldwide 3% of the population will have some form of Alopecia Areata in their lifetime. (In New Zealand there are approximately 100,000 people who have Alopecia Areata) Of that 3%, 1.5% will go on to have very extreme forms of Alopecia Areata (Totalis and Universalis), which causes total baldness. This condition is not life threatening but is life altering. This happens to many people before the age of thirty and is often a chronic life time problem. Many of the people we help have no hair, their needs necessitate that our hairpiece is secure, durable, comfortable and lifelike. These requirements are met by our prosthesis, helping people move past this condition and on with their life. If you would like to find out more about this type of hairpiece please go to our website www.freedomwigs.com

We work to make sure the people who need our hairpiece have the most realistic and natural looking hairpiece possible. To do this we use only 100% unprocessed virgin human hair. This is where you may be able to help.....This is where those people requiring a hairpiece need your help.....

Freedom accepts donations of hair.

What Freedom does...?

If you donate your hair to Freedom we will pay you or send your payment onto the charity of your choice. That way you are often able to help someone who needs a hairpiece while also helping the charity of your choice with the money paid for your hair.

Can you HELP?

There are **stringent criteria** if you would like to donate your hair. Please read the following and see if you are able to donate.

- The ponytail or tails you cut must be 14 inches or longer
- Your hair must be totally unprocessed (**No** colour or perming).
- Your hair must not include grey hair.

Donations for Shorter hairlengths-12 inches and below.....

Freedom would also welcome and accept shorter lengths of hair. We are only able to use shorter lengths in a limited but vital capacity for those that wear the Freedom hairpiece long term. Shorter lengths are more difficult to process therefore extra time and effort is needed to put them to use for our wearers. They are mostly used when refurbishments are required. We are unable to pay for hair lengths that are shorter than 14 inches but we would be grateful for these lengths if available as they will also help those who require our type of hairpiece.

What to do if you can help...

How to cut your hair and deliver it to Freedom:

- Make sure your hair is **clean** and **dry**.
- Put your hair into a ponytail or tails, securing them with elastic bands along the length of the ponytail at approx, four inch intervals. You could also plait your hair to cut.
- Cut the ponytails to the length you want your new hairstyle
- Make sure that the hair in the ponytail is 14 inches or longer.
- Ensure that the hair is dry and secure in its ponytails. (Hair that drops to the floor is unusable).
- Put your cut ponytail/tails into a plastic bag with your Freedom Donation Form attached at the foot of this document.

- Put your hair into an envelope and post it to the following address:
 Freeport 130760 Freeport 130760
 Freedom Wigs Limited or Freedom Wigs Limited
 P O Box 575 62 Vogel Street
 Dunedin 9054 Dunedin 9016

Some questions you may have about donating your hair...

Will my hair be enough to make one hairpiece?

No, to create a hairpiece (depending on length) it can take between 5 and 20 ponytails to make one hairpiece. Your hair will be blended with other ponytails to give the end user a beautiful hairpiece that looks like her/his own hair.

Can you tell me who will receive my hair?

It will only go to those requiring a Freedom Prosthetic. Freedom looks after many children, teenagers and young adults that require a hairpiece.

Are you able to track my hair so I know who specifically received it?

In some instances family members donate hair for a loved one who has lost their hair. We ensure that this hair (even though often blended) with other donated hair, is put into a specific hairpiece. If this is the case for you, please let us know.

What will happen to my hair if my hair is too short or damaged when I send it to you, will I know if it is able to be used?

Freedom will notify you as to the useability of your hair. Please make sure you put your contact details in with your donation so we are able to do this. If your hair is unusable we are happy to post it back to you, or dispose of it.

Hair Donation form for Freedom Wigs New Zealand

Checklist

Please Tick Checklist

Is my hair dry and clean before putting it into the plastic bag to post?	Yes
Is my hair 14 inches or longer?	Yes
Is my hair totally uncoloured or processed?	Yes
Does my hair have no grey hair?	Yes
Is my hair tied securely in a ponytail using a band?	Yes

My Contact Details

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Personal Banking Details to receive payment: Bank: _____

A/c No: _____

Or

Charity of Choice for Donation:

Charity of Choice Banking Details to receive payment: Bank: _____

A/c No: _____

Please circle the appropriate option:

If my hair is unusable I would like it returned to the above address Yes

If my hair is unusable could Freedom please dispose of it? Yes

Contact Details for Freedom Wigs

Freedom Wigs Limited	or	Freedom Wigs Limited
PO Box 575		62 Vogel Street
Dunedin 9054		Dunedin 9016

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