

Hairstylist uses gifts to help cancer patients



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COMMENTARY

A powerful quote from painter Vincent van Gogh is, "Whoever loves much, performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is done well."

That quote reminds me of Theresa Bradley, an accomplished hairstylist with many other talents. She journeys through life spreading love and achievements.

Years ago, Bradley was told by a pastor that she had a gift that would bless women across the world. She thought that it was playing the tambourine at church, her newest accomplishment, but her mother told her that God had more in store for her.

Shortly after finishing high school, she enrolled in beauty school. She then realized that this was her gift.

Bradley has used her gifts in all kinds of ways. She talks to groups of young girls, helping to build their self-esteem. She is the author of an instructional DVD ("Speaking the Curly Hair Language") to help parents understand the hair of adopted or multicultural children. She also makes custom wigs for cancer patients.

Bradley is a clinical cosmetologist at Methodist Estabrook Cancer Center's Inner Beauty Salon: a specialty salon for cancer survivors.

"My mother is a cancer survivor, my grandmother had cancer, so I knew it was a gift that God put in my hands to help others," Bradley said.

As a clinical cosmetologist, she helps educate women through their cancer journey, doing wig fitting and skin care makeovers. She

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also does custom cranial prosthesis for women who have had brain carcinoma, and she is a certified mastectomy fitter.



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She heads up the makeup ministry at Lord of Host Church for its televised show. This often gives her the opportunity to interact with celebrities.

She and her husband help with the youth at church. Their pastors, Hank and Brenda Korneman, who serve the Lord with gladness, have been an inspiration in their lives.

She says she is thankful that she acquired a good spiritual foundation as a child that enables her to love people unconditionally.

Bradley's family is an inspiration to her, she said.

"Some days I think I live in a fairy tale and have to pinch myself," she said. "My awesome husband, Solomon, has been my number one supporter over the 24 years of marriage."

The Bradleys have three children: Brycen, 9, who can light up a room; daughter Kaniyah, who will be graduating from Bellevue West next month and following in her mother's footsteps; and oldest son, Jaylin, an excellent student attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on a football scholarship.

Their parents insisted that academics come first with their children.

A humble lady, she gives credit to loving women in her life who have encouraged her, including her mom, Deborah Miller; mother-in-law, Mozella Bradley; and dear friend Joan Standifer.

It is most apparent that Theresa Bradley fully embraces the Scripture John 15:22, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."