



Strand Together FAQs

What is SOUL RYEDERS?

SOUL RYEDERS is a volunteer-driven charitable organization, based in Westchester County, NY committed to empowering those in our community who are affected by cancer. From diagnosis through treatment, recovery and survivorship, SOUL RYEDERS offers practical resources and nurturing support services that provide dignity, confidence, hope and compassion.

What is the STRAND TOGETHER?

SOUL RYEDERS has a program called The Wig Exchange™, which provides high quality wigs for women undergoing chemotherapy. Traditional wigs can be itchy and burdensome. There is a comfortable, versatile alternative called a 'Chemo Diva Halo' that is very popular among clients of The Wig Exchange™. Strand Together is a hair donation program created by SOUL RYEDERS to increase the number of Chemo Diva Halos available to women through The Wig Exchange™. Individuals donate a minimum of 7 inches of their hair, which is then used to make a Chemo Diva Halo. These special accessories have hair attached to a soft piece of fabric that covers the top of the head and then any hat can be worn on top of it.



Who Can Donate Hair?

Anyone who has 7 or more inches of hair and is willing to part with it can donate. Hair that has been colored, permed, or straightened is perfectly fine!

How do I get my haircut?

There are three choices:

1. Beauty Bar & Salon in Port Chester, New York will do a complimentary 'dry cut' (without a wash & blow dry) for Strand Together hair donors. To make an appointment for a Strand Together hair cut please call 914-939-7800. If you would like a wash & blow dry after your hair is cut, inquire about availability and pricing.
2. You can have your hair cut for Strand Together at your own salon. Call in advance to make sure that your salon is willing to do this. Please read the guidelines below and watch this video so that you can share the information with your hair stylist*. Unfortunately, if the hair is not cut properly, we are unable to use it. VIDEO LINK: <http://www.chemodiva.com/VideoHowToCut.htm>

Note that the video is of a woman who is having her own hair cut prior to chemotherapy so they can have a *Chemo Diva Halo* made with her own hair, but the basic instructions for cutting the hair are very similar.

3. Attend a SOUL RYEDERS Strand Together hair donation event. At these events, hair donors come into the salon for scheduled appointments on a specified date and have their hair cut alongside others who are doing the same thing. It's a fun, festive and a feel-good experience! The dates and location are posted on www.soulryeders.org.

How Do I Have My Hair Cut?

Follow these simple instructions:

-  Make sure your hair is clean and dry.
-  Remember that you need to have at least 7 inches of hair to donate
-  The hair stylist should divide the hair into lots of small ponytails and secure them with mini rubber bands. The ponytails should be around the size of your pinky finger or the diameter of a pencil.
-  Place the cut ponytails in a plastic bag.



What Do I Do Next?

- Print and fill out the Hair Donation Form [CLICK HERE](#) to download.
- Write a personal note or card to the woman who is receiving your hair. This is optional, but the women who receive these notes really love them!
- Place the Hair Donation Form, personal note and the plastic bag containing your hair into a large envelope, ensure that you have adequate postage, and mail it to:

SOUL RYEDERS/The Wig Exchange
1091 Boston Post Rd Rye,
NY 10580



How Will I Know If My Hair Has Been Received?

SOUL RYEDERS sends your hair to our wigmaker who sanitizes it, combines it with the hair of another Strand Together hair donor or two, and then uses it to make a *Chemo Diva Halo*. This process is elaborate and takes both time and skill!

How Is My Hair Made Into A *Chemo Diva Halo*?

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How Much Does SOUL RYEDERS Pay For Each *Chemo Diva Halo*?

SOUL RYEDERS pays approximately \$350 for each *Chemo Diva Halo* (the price varies slightly depending on additional features such as bangs). SOUL RYEDERS funds the Strand Together program through the generosity of our donors. If you are interested in helping offset the production cost, please [click here](#) to make a contribution. If you'd like to fundraise and tap your social networks to help fund the making of a *Chemo Diva Halo* or two, you can create a fundraising page directly through SOUL RYEDERS. For easy step by step instructions, visit [Create a Fundraising Page](#). We greatly appreciate donations in any amount!

What Happens After The *Chemo Diva Halos* Are Made?

Once SOUL RYEDERS receives the Chemo Diva Halos, they are photographed for our web site, put into our active inventory at **The Wig Exchange™**, and offered to our clients. In addition to the wigs, the women receive all the necessary supplies and the personal notes that the hair donors write. These women are incredibly appreciative not only for the special wigs that they receive, but for the kindness and generosity of both the hair donors and those who help fund the program!

Does SOUL RYEDERS sell any of its hair donations?

NO! Other hair donations programs have been reported to sell a portion of the hair donations to wig companies. SOUL RYEDERS does NOT do this.

Who Do I Contact If I Have Questions?

We can be reached at soul@soulryeders.org or 914-412-4884

Thanks for your interest in Strand Together!