Dare to Be Bare!
Over $18,000 Raised for Brighter Tomorrows

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On May 26, over 300 people gathered in the WHS gym to watch over 100 brave souls have their heads shaved or hair cut as a show of solidarity for four year old Knox Olafson and to benefit Brighter Tomorrows, a Minnesota based organization that provides emotional, spiritual and educational support by listening to, understanding and supporting families touched by childhood cancer.

Knox is the son of Jared and Christy Olafson and was recently diagnosed with Osteosarcoma, a rare bone cancer. Like most cancer patients, Knox lost his hair due to the chemotherapy treatments he is receiving.

The Dare to be Bare event was a unique opportunity for individuals to support Knox and show him that he is not alone in losing his hair. The Olafson family saw this as an amazing opportunity to not only encourage their little boy, but to also raise funds for an organization that has supported them as they walk through this journey. The Olafson family has experienced firsthand the support Brighter Tomorrows offers and were excited to play a role in giving back to ensure that other families facing childhood cancer can receive the same continuing support.

Folks of all ages - from preschool on up - pledged to either have their head shaved or 8” of their hair cut off and donated. In all, over 75 boys and men went Bare - more than two dozen of that number were law enforcement members - and almost 40 girls and women cut their hair. Those who didn’t participate in the Bare look responded by dressing in their gold Knoxy’s Posse t-shirts.

In a little over two hours, over $18,000 was raised for Brighter Tomorrows, and funds continue to come in.

It’s safe to say that here in Warroad, bald is indeed beautiful!