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The Quincy communications firm's owner, Rob Hale, was among more than 400 executives, managers and workers who gave up their hair and beards in a fundraiser for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.



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The courtyard in the headquarters of the Granite Telecommunications firm in North Quincy turned into a barber shop for several hours Monday, as owner Rob Hale and more than 400 executives, managers and employees got their hair and beards shaved in a \$2.1 million fundraiser for cancer research.

The money will be donated to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. The company is giving \$1,000 for each employee who participates, and Hale and his mother, Judy Hale, are adding a \$2,000 match for each of them.

As of noon, 411 employees had taken a shave. More than 20 women gave up their hair – among them, Jennifer Chu of Quincy, who got her haircut the same time that Rob Hale got his.

“Everybody has been directly or indirectly affected by cancer,” Chu said, after she got a round of congratulatory hugs from co-workers. “This was easy to do.”

Chu, who’s 38, said her grandmother is a two-time cancer survivor, while a grandfather died in his 50s from cancer.

The cause is a personal one for Rob Hale, too. His father, Robert Hale, died from pancreatic cancer in 2008.

Scores of Granite Telecom employees cheered as Hale sat in one of the dozen barber chairs in the courtyard, and whooped as they watched his locks falls away.

“It feels good,” Hale said, as he stepped from the chair. “Real good.”

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