

After Cupcakes, Lyla Pays It Forward

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Letter to The Editor

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Re: Tempest in a barber shop (Letters, Aug. 10)

Thank you to the letter writer. I read her letter on the GO train to Toronto Saturday night. What a brilliant idea!

After my initial confrontation with the owner of The Westdale Barber Shop, I got my hair cut at a different establishment later that day. I won't need a haircut again for a while yet and another local barber shop already offered me a free cut in response to the controversy. I won my gift certificate in a charity auction, but after Phil Angemi and I shook hands and made peace over cupcakes last week, it feels like paying it forward one more time is the right thing to do.

While on my way to church Sunday morning I gave my gift certificate to the staff at Mission Services at Barton and James streets, home to a men's shelter in my neighbourhood. I asked the staff to pass it on to a man in need who could use a complimentary haircut. During our reconciliation I got to see Angemi's handiwork. I know the recipient of the gift certificate will look great once they leave his shop.

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