

On April 25<sup>th</sup> the White Bear Lake High School softball team teamed up with the American Cancer Society in sponsoring a hit-a-thon event at White Bear Lake High School.

White Bear Lake has hosted fundraising events for the American Cancer Society in previous years, but this year the event had a different meaning.

In the summer of 2014 senior captain and third basemen Cassie Maurstad was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She battled the cancer throughout the summer and fall. After having undergone several rounds of chemotherapy Cassie was declared CANCER FREE in December.

To honor Cassie's fight against cancer the coaching staff at White Bear Lake decided to add an extra incentive for the players in the hit-a-thon. The coaches agreed that if the team raised \$3000 they, all five female coaches, would cut and donate at least 8inches of their hair to the Beautiful Lengths Program through Pantene.

The players had just over one week to meet the challenge. With a small amount of assistance from some outside groups the team raised over \$3000 in pledges and donations for the American Cancer Society.

At the culmination of the Varsity and B-squad games on April 25<sup>th</sup> all of the female coaches sat in middle of the infield and had 8 inches of hair cut off in front of a large group of high school players, parents, and youth players from the White Bear Lake Fastpitch Association.

