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'Salon-a-thon' in Greenwich Sunday to Benefit Connecticut's Homeless Children

To raise funds – as well as awareness – for Connecticut's homeless children, the Visible Changes hair salon will hold its 13th-annual "Salon-a-thon" on **Sunday, August 19**, at the salon, located at 204 Sound Beach Avenue in Old Greenwich.

The staff of Visible Changes will perform services at a greatly discounted rate, with all proceeds going to assist homeless children throughout Connecticut. All participants get free coffee, juice, bagels and candy. Face painting, balloons, tattoos and more will be available to participating children.

The event, which will run from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, is co-sponsored by the Connecticut Commission on Children and the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness.

Leon Ralph Vizzari and Cathy Vizzari of Visible Changes, along with their entire staff of 18 and four volunteers, will be on hand.

"It's a crying shame that thousands of children in Connecticut are homeless," Leon Vizzari said. "At least 20,000 people in Connecticut – more than a third of them children – live in shelters. Try to imagine what it would be like if you had no home of your own, to live day by day in a terrible state of uncertainty. Imagine living alone or with your family in an emergency shelter. It is a reality for thousands of homeless people."

Also as part of its commitment to end homelessness among children, Visible Changes is holding a drive to collect new books and backpacks for children staying at shelters. Items will be collected through September 1.

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