



Maggie Varney Biography

Maggie Varney is a licensed cosmetologist who has been in the beauty industry for over 40 years and has been a successful business owner and entrepreneur for over 30 years. Maggie runs two establishments; **Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan**, a nonprofit, and **Go Green**, a socially responsible and eco-friendly full service salon.

As a Michigan certified technician of the **Creating a Total Image** program, Maggie volunteers her time and talent to teach cancer patients how to deal with the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy & radiation.

Maggie noticed a need to help young people and families in their struggle with health challenges causing hair loss. Utilizing her passion and expertise in the beauty industry, along with her business development experience, Maggie founded **Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan** in October 2003. **Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan** provides wigs & support services at no charge to Michigan children experiencing hair loss as a result of illness and treatment.

In 2020, the organization opened a **NEW Wellness Center** to further assist the children of Michigan. The nonprofit offers therapy, nutrition and self-empowerment through self-image activities. Field trips and counseling on an individual, group and family basis are also provided at no charge in addition to an Enchanted Tea Room, massage, nail care and facials.

She is also focused on passing wig bills in the **Michigan Senate** and **House of Representatives** which would encourage insurance companies to cover the cost of a child's wig like any other prosthetic. The bills have received bipartisan support and are pending.

- ❖ 2003 Macomb County Board of Commissioner's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year
- ❖ 2005 Women Who Make Magic
- ❖ 2005 The Optimist Club's Champion's Award
- ❖ 2007 "Governor's Service Award" for Exemplary Community Service
- ❖ 2009 Detroit News "Michiganian of the Year"
- ❖ 2011 Art Van Hope Award
- ❖ 2011 Macomb County Hall of Fame
- ❖ 2012 State of Michigan Special Tribute
- ❖ 2014 Molina Healthcare Community Champion
- ❖ 2014 Leadership Macomb People's Choice Award Favorite Nonprofit Executive Director
- ❖ 2015 National Association of Professional Women's VIP Woman of the Year Award 2015
- ❖ 2016 Girl Scouts of Southeastern MI One Tough Cookie Award
- ❖ 2017 American Salon "Women in Beauty"
- ❖ 2018 Athena Award from Macomb Foundation
- ❖ 2018 Crain's Notable Women in Nonprofits
- ❖ 2019 Macomb Daily "Best of the Best"
- ❖ 2020 Hulafrog Macomb's Favorite Local Charity

