Kimber McGinley
Valentine, Nebraska

On July 14 , 2008 18 month old Kimber's mother, Jessica, **a** regular donor at the Rotary Sponsored Blood Drives in Valentine, Nebraska**,** noticed a lump in Kimber's abdomen.

Kimber had a CT scan that showed a tumor in her abdomen that was dangerous close to her spine. The follow week, on July 21, Kimber was taken to the hospital to prepare for the biopsy. The doctor determined he could safely remove the entire tumor.

The tumor was it was cancerous but it was a stage 1 tumor not a stage 3 like they originally thought. A bioscopy showed that the mass was neuroblastoma, but with it encapsulated, that Kimber did not need chemotherapy or other treatment. The family was told that Kimber only has a 10%-15% chance of it coming back.

The next morning the family reported that Kimber was pretty tired and uncomfortable during the night. She lost about 180-200ml of blood, so they did a transfusion in the night giving her back 200ml of blood**.**

Kimber made periodic trips to the hospital throughout the summer, fall and winter for CT scans and other tests. The results have been great. As of the latest report, they see NO signs of cancer or a tumor!

Although only one unit of blood was needed during this procedure, the energy provided by the transfusion was a vital part of the process of Kimber's recovery.