

New mom needed 87 pints of blood...

*...to survive birth
of daughter*

Kim Ward, 33, had the “perfect pregnancy.” “My water broke early in the morning,” she said. “The baby was out in three pushes — it was easy labor.”

But when her placenta was pulled out, “it looked like someone had thrown a bucket of blood onto the table.” Kim was rushed back to the emergency room where she had to undergo emergency surgery.

She needed an emergency hysterectomy to stop the bleeding. Kim also needed 87 units of blood — *about 8 times her normal blood volume.*

She woke up a day and a half later on life support. That was two years ago. Today, Kim and her daughter, Lilly, are both doing fine.

“‘Thank you’ to the people who give blood everyday,” said Kim. “I can tell you first-hand that blood saved my life.”

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