

## Only 5, But a Hero

Heroic decisions are not made by cowards. I recently read a story that confirms such truth.

A little girl was near death, victim of a disease from which her younger brother had miraculously recovered two years before. Her only chance to live was a blood transfusion from someone who had previously conquered the sickness. The doctor explained the situation to Tommy, the five-year-old brother, and asked if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister, Kathy.

The boy took a deep breath, thought for a moment, then drew himself up and said, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save my sister."

As the transfusion progressed, one could see the vitality returning to the wan figure of the little girl. Tommy smiled when he observed this, but then, with trembling lips he said something startling: "Will I begin to die right away?"

The doctor immediately realized what Tommy's hesitation had meant earlier. In giving blood to his sister, he thought he was giving up his life. In one brief moment he had displayed more courage than many of us can muster in a lifetime. He had made a very heroic decision.

What about you today? Are you facing some critical event in your life that will require courage?

Or, more likely, is someone you serve in Life Care, Century Park or Life Care at Home confronted by enormous odds for which they need your courage? I'm greatly comforted by the knowledge that in our companies we have everyday heroes at work.

--Beecher Hunter