



**Daniel Davila**— When Daniel was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a type of bone cancer, at age three, he turned to volunteer blood donors to make a difference in his life. Daniel received several blood transfusions before undergoing a successful stem cell transplant and is responding well to the procedure. He now enjoys spending time playing with his brother and sisters.



**Connie McAvene** - Connie was critically injured in an accident in Mexico and used a great deal of blood during several surgeries. After a lengthy and very grueling recovery, the UCSD oncology nurse went on to fall in love and get married. On November 2, 2003, Connie gave birth to her first child and again needed blood after hemorrhaging. Connie knows, all to well, the difference volunteer blood donors make every day.

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**Stefon Harris** – Volunteer blood donors have had a huge impact on Stefon’s young life. The gregarious San Diego teen is battling severe aplastic anemia and requires blood transfusions on a regular basis. Doctors ultimately hope to find a matching bone marrow or stem cell donor for Stefon, but so far, transfusions have been his most effective treatment. Thanks to volunteer blood donors, Stefon can live a happy life.



**Angie Freeman** – After receiving more than 200 blood transfusions over the past 13 years as part of her treatment for aplastic anemia, Angie understands the difference that volunteer blood donors make in her life. “If people don’t donate, I can’t keep on living my life,” said Angie, a mother of two beautiful daughters.

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