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## ConFire donor meets his bone marrow recipient

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From left: ConFire Batt. Chief Rob Lutzow, Richmond Fire Capt. Elizabeth de Dios, ConFire Safety Chief Pete Marshall, Daniel Andrade, Tom Darst, Sheila Darst, Be The Match Rep Jennifer Sawle Photo courtesy ConFire

Station 1 for a reunion - of sorts - with Andrade and his family.

"What started out as a night to educate firefighters turned out to save somebody's life," said Lon Goetsch, ConFire assistant chief.

Those who knew Andrade had no doubt that he would respond as he did. "He's always been a team player," said Andrade's father, Alonso. "This doesn't surprise us."

"With Daniels's stem cells, you're smiling more, laughing more and pulling practical jokes," said Battalion Chief Rob Lutzow, confirming what Darst was beginning to figure out the more time he and his donor spent together.

Andrade and Darst said they hoped that by telling their story, others would sign up with Be The Match and donate their bone marrow. To join the bone marrow registry, go to [join.bethematch.org/swaboutcancer](http://join.bethematch.org/swaboutcancer).

"When somebody needs your help, you answer the call," said Andrade, a response second nature to those in the fire service.

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