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## Donor 3935 Interview Notes

Donor 3935 immediately set me at ease with his personable but unassuming manner. He has bright eyes and a slightly shy but contented smile that immediately endeared me to him. His hair is short and sandy brown and he is California sun-kissed without being overtly tan. He mentioned a history of slight acne but his skin looks clear at this point in his life. His face lights up more and more as he talks about his family and some of his favorite activities. Overall he comes across as incredibly dynamic and genuine.

We talked about his family for quite awhile and he seemed to care for them deeply, having a sense of pride in his family's history. The donor's geographical distance between his parents did not translate into emotional distance. In fact, he seemed close with his entire family, speaking warmly of his cousins and with admiration when he mentioned his grandparents. When I asked him whether his father had learned his mechanical skills from the donor's paternal grandfather, he clarified that his paternal grandfather was more focused on the operation of machinery. He enthusiastically listed off his skills as a pilot of everything from planes to helicopters to tractors and said with pride that his father can fix anything and his paternal grandfather can operate anything. His admiration and respect for his family members was refreshing.

Donor 3935 made me laugh as well, especially in the way that he characterized his family. He was quick to label everyone as trouble-makers and seemed to enjoy the mischievous side of his family. His paternal grandfather has retired from being a pilot to run a tavern and in the way his eyes sparkled when he described him as a warm and jovial host I could see donor 3935 growing old in much the same way.

When I asked Donor 3935 about the lack of health problems among his family members, he stressed that his aunts and uncles are still young and that his

family members as a whole lead very healthy lives. He seemed committed to health himself, displaying a strong commitment to Tai-Chi. He lights up when discussing sound-engineering and displayed a similar commitment to music and sound engineering. The most impressive thing about 3935 for me was his grounded assurance. The donor appeared both thoughtful and sure about his decision to be an identity-release donor.

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