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Donor # 3945 Interview Notes

Donor 3495 is a thoughtful and conscientious young man, who was a delight to interview. When I asked him what inspired his current interest in working in health care, he noted that he has good communication skills and feels that working in a health care setting would allow him to put them to good use, while also helping others. I would agree that he has excellent communication skills as he maintained a comfortable, open manner throughout our interview and was very easy to talk with. Although he plans to pursue work in a hospital after graduating college, his ultimate goal would be to open his own daycare center. When he was a child, his mother ran a daycare center, and the donor discovered he loves working with children.

The donor is very close with his family and clearly relished talking about them. He explained that his mother and maternal grandmother immigrated to the US from Hungary when his mother was only fourteen (the donor's maternal grandfather remained in Hungary). His grandmother supported herself and the donor's mother by selling health products. The donor's parents met through a shared love of square dancing (the donor joked that they were the youngest people at the square-dance parties decades ago, and that they still are the youngest when they return to dance parties today). Although the donor's mother is eight years older than his father, they made a great connection on the dance floor and have been happily married for over twenty years. With considerable pride, the donor described both his parents as exceptionally hard workers. His mother supported the family by running a daycare center out of their home while his father returned to college to get a degree in engineering. His father is a structural engineer who has designed schools and hospitals throughout the region. The donor also spoke fondly of his paternal grandparents, particularly his paternal grandmother, who he describes as very rebellious and independent (he noted that she calls her retirement state of Oregon, "Bore-agon," because she doesn't find it particularly stimulating).

The donor came across as a very charming young man. He has boyish good looks, with a long, lean physique and truly beautiful, large green eyes. Even though he described himself as "proud and not very humble," I found him to project warmth and confidence, without a bit of arrogance. I asked what he meant by stating in his narrative that he has "made a couple of poor choices" in his life; he explained that he now regrets having partied so much his freshman year of college, and wishes that he had applied himself to his studies more. He took a year off after his freshman year, during which he obtained his phlebotomy certificate and gained volunteer experience in both a hospital and a community clinic. He appears to have an impressive degree of focus and to be very responsible. I feel confident that he put thought into his decision to be an Identity-Release donor and that he takes the accompanying responsibility seriously.

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