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Donor #3958
Interview Notes

Donor 3958 is a warm, highly energetic man who has charmed everyone he has met at the sperm bank. He is a relaxed and engaging conversationalist, and he spoke with infectious enthusiasm about topics ranging from his start-up business creating educational entertainment, to his wife and children, to his close relationships with his siblings.

The donor's family tree is filled with accomplished individuals. His maternal relatives include a couple of Olympic athletes, as well as one of the first African American female judges in the US. His Maternal Grandfather graduated at the top of his medical school class in the 1920s, despite having to borrow all his textbooks due to limited income. The donor knows less about his paternal relatives; his Paternal Grandfather left his Paternal Grandmother when the donor's Father was young, and his Paternal Grandmother died before the donor was born. However, he was able to research his family's health history on both sides, and commented that he enjoyed the process of reaching out and making connections with aunts, uncles, and cousins.

After college, where he majored in International Law, the donor briefly considered a career in politics, before deciding this was not the best use of his creative talents and entered business school. He subsequently went on to jobs in toy marketing, children's entertainment, and high tech. He remarked that his true love is filmmaking and that if he had it to do over again, he would enter film school, rather than business school. His current passion is his start-up company; his goal is to create a multi-media curriculum—including animated films—designed to teach elementary-school aged children about history. He was persuasive in describing the lack of compelling educational material about history and about his desire to raise children's awareness of lesser-known aspects of African American history, women's history, and Latino history. At present, he is working in high-tech sales as a "day job" and hopes to get his own company off the ground within five years.

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At the time of our interview the donor had been married for eleven years. He met his wife when he was waiting tables at a restaurant and she came in to dine with her parents. He fondly recalled how he turned over all his other tables to his best friend, a fellow waiter, so he could focus all his attention on his wife-to-be. After one date, both were convinced they had found their future spouse. It was clear during our conversation that he is a devoted husband and that he and his wife are well-suited to each other. Since his wife has been infertile since her teens, they pursued family-building by adoption, and now have two young children. The donor and his wife are comfortable with his decision to be a sperm donor as they want to support other individuals in attaining their dream of family.

Donor 3958 is an extremely handsome man. He has high cheekbones and deep-set, liquid dark eyes that evoke his Cherokee ancestry. He is extremely fit and walks with a spring in his step. It is easy to imagine him darting around the soccer field (he played competitive soccer in high school) or gracefully descending a ski slope.