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Donor #4039
Interview Notes

Donor 4039 is bubbly and jubilant. He is full of jokes and very sociable. He was a musical theatre and singing student in high school and college, and seems like a natural performer.

He described his mother's side of the family as having come from "hearty peasant stock" in Russia. He seemed very close to his maternal grandmother who had recently passed, and spoke of her lovingly as "just about the most amazing person ever".

He has fair skin with rosy cheeks, green/hazel eyes and medium brown hair. He has a stocky but tall build. He describes having established unhealthy eating habits as a child and at one point was overweight. He now believes in regular exercise and balanced living – he presently does cardio and resistance training. He just completed his first 15 kilometer race.

He studied classical vocal performance extensively while growing up, but decided to pursue a more practical career during college. (He noted that his parents were encouraging of a singing career and the decision to go the practical route was his own.) He is passionate about jazz, and continues to sing for the joy of it despite his career in Educational Administration.

He is a great story-teller, which I especially noticed when he was telling the story of his near-death experience. He (as with everything he said) had a great sense of humor and recommended that everyone experience nearly dying. At the time of the accident he was acting in a musical and accidentally walked through a glass door which broke and severed arteries in both of his arms. He remembers everything and found it, in retrospect, to be an enlightening experience. He regained full use of both hands after surgery and physical therapy, and now only has some scars to show for it.

He loves music, learning, teaching, and performing. He believes in strong bonds between family and friends. He aspires to experience all this world has to offer and bring others along to do the same.

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