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**Donor # 4089**  
**Interview Notes**

Donor 4089 has striking green-grey eyes and tossed brown hair. I would describe him as a dorky-cute artist; he wore thick black plastic glasses and a worn plaid shirt with one of his own silk-screened T-shirts underneath. This donor is soft spoken but articulate, I can tell he puts a lot of thought into his words. He has a really calm, solid, comfortable feeling, which put me at ease. I noticed that I started speaking softer in his presence and also found myself sharing lots of anecdotal stories. We had an easy-flowing, enjoyable, quiet, early morning conversation.

This donor is very artistic and musically inclined. He plays the guitar, jazz bass, the marimba, a little banjo and piano. He used to play in groups in college and high school but these days he just gets together with friends to play for fun. Donor 4089's mom is also musically inclined, she has a degree in music and education and was a music teacher until his brother was born. This donor and his mother seem very close, he mentioned her several times throughout our conversation. He says that he is not as close with his brother and father, explaining that he speaks with his father weekly and hangs out with his brother once a month, but he doesn't feel that they have a close connection. He says that he has been close with all of his grandparents, he saw them a lot growing up, but he feels that his mom's side of the family was more openly affectionate.

Donor 4089 majored in Classical Languages as an undergrad and can read both Greek and Latin. He spent one year in a Classics graduate program but said that it didn't work out. This donor is currently working as a self-employed graphic designer and is taking classes towards a graphic design certificate. It seems to me that donor 4089 a very steady and determined person, he puts his mind to what is his passionate about and doesn't waste time on areas where his interest has waned. He lit up when I asked him about graphic design. He has a printing press in his apartment, and a group of artist friends who get together to create, he really likes having a community of people to work and share with.

Overall, I really enjoyed talking with donor 4089. I found him to be super sweet and engaging. He came across as soft-spoken and introverted but I can imagine him cracking jokes and being boisterous with a group of friends. He seems to be the type of person that is really open with a small group of close friends. He has been with his girlfriend for the last five and a half years. He comes across as a solid, thoughtful, caring person that I would be happy to take the time to get to know better.

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