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Donor # 4129
Interview Notes

The first thing I noticed about donor 4129 was his liquid blue eyes and calm, centered demeanor. He was well-shaven and wore a clean white button down shirt, which gave him a well-groomed, relaxed, professional appearance. The other thing I noticed about this donor were his broad shoulders, which he seemed to alternately tuck into himself and open up depending on the topic of conversation. Donor 4129 was soft spoken but in a confident way; he felt very stable and grounded. Overall, I got the impression that this donor is a very sweet, trustworthy, and docile man.

This donor opened up when speaking about his family and I could tell that they are extremely important to him. He spoke at length of his family's cabin in Maine, which has been in his family for four generations and where he has been vacationing since he was a boy. The time spent at their cabin seems to have inspired a love of the outdoors amongst his family. Camping trips and interacting with the outdoors were a large part of the donor's childhood and continue to be something he is passionate about. His father took his sister and brother on a month long backpacking trip along the John Muir trail when they were 9 and 11 years old. Despite a large age difference between himself and his half-siblings, this donor is very close to them and is looking forward to a two week vacation with his siblings and their children this summer.

A love of math is another area of interest running through donor 4129's family. Both his father and brother were math teachers, his grandfather was a mechanical engineer, and the donor himself works in the computer science/engineering industry.

Donor 4129's wife has been an ovum donor and the two of them feel that donating is an important and wonderful gift to be able to give someone who wants a family. I got the impression that this donor has given a lot of thought to his decision to donate and to be a part of the Identity Release program. I think he is a wonderful addition to this program because of his thoughtfulness, his connection to his family and their history, and the obvious patterns of interest that seem to lie in his family tree.