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# Donor # 4221 Interview Notes

Donor 4221 is quiet but not shy. Clearly soft spoken, he is not in a hurry to make an impression- this mild-manneredness comes across not as withholding- just genuine. He sat calmly in the office while we talked. I would describe him as timeless. He sported a classic looking outfit- a flannel shirt with khakis and loafers- that was not preppy or particularly stylish. Donor 4221 has rosy cheeks and a sweet face, framed by flyaway hair. His features are fine; they look almost delicate without appearing precious.

He attributes his mellowness to his placement as the middle child, book-ended by a brother and a sister. He said his role as middle child has made him good at blending in- a skill that has served him well in his time as an actor. Acting, however, has also afforded him the opportunity to be more exposed and in the spotlight- a change he says he has welcomed, but wouldn't want to be permanent.

Donor 4221 gets along well with his siblings. He is the most artistic member of his family, while everyone tends to be science oriented. He says that he is the black sheep with a sense of humor. He is clearly proud both of his own accomplishments and those of his family. He bragged that his brother (a doctor) has recently become skilled at making furniture. Donor 4221 is clearly proud of his talents, as well as grateful for his opportunities. He said he knows how lucky he is to have had the opportunity to work in his field (donor 4221 has worked as a freelance writer for the past few years and is now pursuing filmmaking). His flexibility has allowed him to move fluidly between writing and filmmaking and ultimately he would like to do both. He seems to be the kind of person who will be consistently open to new passions throughout the course of his life. I have no doubt he will succeed wherever he ends up. He seems to have the commitment and talent to thrive.

Donor 4221 is easy to connect with and eager to engage with other people. He is naturally curious, with a good sense of humor. He came across as a genuine person who is well-spoken without being flashy, down-to-earth and creative as well as smart. He is grounded and kind, his creative side is rooted in his interest in humanity. I found him very easy to talk to- he seemed like someone worth working to get to know. He is the kind of person one would be lucky to call a friend.