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## Donor # 4222 Interview Notes

My conversation with donor 4222 was both interesting and engaging. After reading his narrative I expected to meet someone intelligent and self assured, but I also thought he might be a little arrogant. However, donor 4222 did not come across that way at all. He is aware of his intelligence and skills, but was very pleasant and easy to talk to. He was also polite, standing when I both entered and exited the room. The first thing I noticed about donor 4222 is that he is tall, wiry, and well-groomed. He is an attractive man, with heart-shaped lips, big brown eyes, and salt and pepper hair. This donor has excellent bone structure, with well-defined cheekbones and features.

I spent a fair amount of time discussing this donor's involvement in a post-graduate union that was recently formed. Donor is currently working as an organizer representing workers in science and technology. He comes from a long line of organizers, his grandfather and stepfather were union organizers, and his sister is also a union member. He says that he "had the pedigree for it." While donor 4222 likes the work that he is doing, and feels it is an important job to be performing, he prefers to work as a biologist. He was working as a biologist in a lab until recently and looks forward to returning to that work in the near future.

This donor has been studying and practicing various forms of martial arts since he was six years old. He says that it is "the closest thing I have to spirituality." I can tell that physical exercise is an important part of this donor's life and he uses it not only as a means for staying in shape but also as a way to ground himself and find peace in his daily life. He says that most organizers tend to see people in the grand scale, with a mind frame of how they can be helped as a group, rather than viewing them as individuals. This donor feels that his work with martial arts has taught him to cultivate awareness of his self and his surroundings, which has shown him how to see people as individuals, and to work on improving himself before attempting to help others. He feels he has a good balance right now between working on his own development and helping others.

Donor 4222 also has a sister who is a recipient at TSBC. I talked with him at length about their relationship and I feel that he has a really unique perspective on donating because of this experience. He mentioned that he is glad to be donating at this bank because of the detail we put into our screening process and because we think 20 years into the future and consider the effects of this experience on the offspring. This donor seems to consider the needs of everyone involved in the process: donors, recipients, and offspring. This consideration illustrates why he will be such a wonderful Identity Release® Program donor.

Overall I think that donor 4222 will make a great donor. He's incredibly intelligent, well-spoken, and very balanced in his lifestyle. He is also really intrigued with the process of donating (as an experiment he attempted to freeze his own sample in the lab he worked at just to see how easily it could be done- the result: very difficult to maintain a living sample) and thinks about a lot of aspects of the process, but in particular he thinks about the effects it will have on offspring. He is looking forward to being an uncle to his sister's children.

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