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# Donor # 4180

## Interview Notes

It was such a pleasure to speak with donor 4180 today. He is incredibly open and friendly. My first impression of this donor is that he is very well-groomed. He looks clean-cut in his khaki pants and blue button down shirt with a fedora perched atop his head. In his long profile he notes that he resembles Ron Howard and I think that is an accurate assessment, however, this donor has brown hair. He has strong masculine features with big blue eyes and a nice smile. Donor 4180 has been wrestling since the age of 6 and has a slim, well-built frame.

Similar to myself, donor 4180 is a practicing Unitarian, therefore I spent a fair amount of time talking about church and religious communities with this donor. Going to church is important to donor 4180, mostly because he enjoys the feeling of a small community of open-minded thinkers that are willing to push him to consider new ideas and ways of doing things. This donor grew up in Oklahoma, where he was considered one of the most radical, liberal people around. He said in his interview with me, "Why do I even bother to vote in Oklahoma?" One of the things he really appreciates about moving to the Bay Area is the fact that there are so many different people with new, interesting ideas to inspire him. Donor 4180 has always considered himself an innovative free thinker and in the Bay Area, there are other people to pull him along that path. He said he is definitely enjoying the ride.

Another area of his life that is extremely important to this donor is his family. He has been with his girlfriend for the last six years and they are really dedicated to pursuing their life goals together. Last year she spent a year in China with him, teaching English as a Second Language. This year he moved to the Bay Area with her so that she could pursue an education in law. Donor 4180 misses his family and living within a 2 hour radius of them and everyone in his extended family. He particularly misses getting to play with his sister's two children and plans to live closer to them when he starts his own family.

This donor is currently working for an after-school program, and he really enjoys being able to spend time with kids and get them to play and have physical activity after a long day sitting in the classroom. In the future he would like to teach history, coach Jr. High wrestling, while continuing to work on getting his teaching certificate in California. Donor 4180 also has an interest in Chinese culture, history and language. He has been to China three times, each time to study Chinese and to teach English. He says the experience helped him have a larger world view and to learn about other people and how they live. It also taught him about the commonalities that we all share as humans.

All in all, I really enjoyed speaking with this donor, and feel he is someone that would be good to know as a friend. His open, inquisitive personality, sweet sense of humor and dedication to work that betters other people makes him a valuable addition to the donor program at TSBC. Although he is not part of the Identity-Release Program, I know that he has spent a lot of time thinking about his decision to be a donor, and was motivated to do so because of a friend whose parents used a donor program to conceive.