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Donor # 4454 Interview Notes

Donor 4454 is a tall and handsome young man. He has a thin and lanky frame, with straight dark brown hair and dark features. Dressed in a pair of khaki shorts and a polo shirt of a similar color, I could see that most of his height comes from his very long legs. During the interview, 4454 was guarded but engaged, interested and maintained great eye contact.

Donor 4454 moved to California from Armenia in 2005. His favorite things about living in the Bay Area are the people and the weather. He is here to go to college and is currently pursuing an education in Civil Engineering. School is very important; he studies a lot and works hard to get good grades. He proudly told me of his 3.5+ GPA. 4454 has one sibling, an older brother, and admitted to following his brother to California and spoke easily of their relationship. When I asked if they were close, he said *very* and that in many ways his brother is best friend. He explained that they are not complete, unless there is a reason- like helping to push each other to do better. The word he likes to use, he says, when describing their relationship is *supportive*.

Donor 4454 grew up playing football and piano. He said he was very active and broke things a lot and often tried to get away with playing football in the house. He also played piano for 7 years and not because he wanted to, but because he had to. After many years though, he grew to like it- especially after playing a solo in his elementary school's annual concert. Donor 4454 was raised in Armenia and although he misses it, he is really enjoying life in California. He spends time backpacking and hiking locally as well as taking trips to Yosemite with his brother and other friends. He enjoys travel in general, both within the United States and internationally. He said one of his favorite places so far has been Poland- he describes it as beautiful- especially all of the architecture and the old buildings. Donor 4454 loves all kinds of music- jazz, classical and blues- he specifically named Ray Charles as one of his favorites.

Donor 4454 spoke mindfully about privacy, loyalty, intention and friendship. He said he has a clear understanding of the differences between a "buddy" and a "friend". He said a buddy is someone you just hang out with versus a friend- *If I call someone my friend it means this is someone that will be there, someone I can trust and depend on.* I was very impressed with the thought and clarity he had on this subject. I could tell that it meant a lot to him to be able to trust and rely on the people in his life.

Donor 4454 has chosen to be an Identity Release[®] Program Donor and he came to this decision after great thought and discussion. Much of our interview was spent discussing the details of the IDR[®] Program and what it would mean for him in the future. Because he describes himself as very private and guarded about his personal life, he wanted to make sure he was making the decision for the right reasons. Based on the answers in his Narrative- I am confident that he did.