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## Donor # 4503

### Interview Notes

Donor 4503 was dressed in your standard artsy hipster attire, with skinny black jeans, a maroon plaid button down shirt, and black hoodie. He has straight brown hair, a thin face and is soft-spoken and considerate. He wanted to make sure that all his paperwork was filled out correctly and asked me if his handwriting was legible, because he wanted to be sure things would be easy on our end. Donor 4503 presents as an intelligent and thoughtful person, someone who spends a lot of time considering his decisions and focuses on articulating himself with ease.

This donor is working on building his musical career and currently plays multiple instruments in 3 different bands. His music takes up most of his free time. The donor also works as a server, baker and line cook and really enjoys this work. Both of donor 4503's parents love to cook and his mom taught him to cook simple, delicious meals so that he could eat well while in college. I imagine the donor enjoys the creative aspects of his cooking jobs. The donor works at a small café where the owner is teaching him everything about the business, including all the recipes and how each aspect of the business works. I see this donor in a phase of his life where he is building up his experience, enjoying being creative and working towards his career as a musician.

Donor 4503 was an American Studies major in college and was particularly fascinated by creative cultures, specifically how they develop and exist in many areas throughout the country. He feels it is really important to explore the country we live in, and that having an understanding of the different bio-regions, cultures and sub-cultures within those is the basis of understanding and the way we can progress as a whole. One of 4503's goals is to visit all 50 states by the age of 30. He has been to 38 so far. When I asked him to share some favorite travel stories he told me about a road trip he and an ex-girlfriend took from San Francisco to Chicago. He said they chronicled the entire journey, from recording the music they listened to documenting everything with pictures. His favorite state as of now is Wyoming. He said it is the most fascinating state he has been to so far. The donor also talked about a cross-country trip on the Zephyr train, where he was able to sit for 2 days and watch as the landscapes changed.

It was easy to talk with donor 4503, perhaps because we have similar interests in local food and travel. He was calm, collected, and comfortable with himself and our conversation flowed smoothly. He's a nice guy and is someone I would enjoy sitting and chatting with longer given the opportunity. I'm curious to see how his life and interests develop and which of his creative talents will come to fruition.

When I asked the donor if there was anything else he would like to share he told me that he wasn't sure if this was genetic but when he first discovered music he felt like it completed some part of him. He thinks that his feelings of fulfillment and love of music is something that is in his blood. The donor's father is also a musician and when he was 14 his dad told him that he must play an instrument and the donor began playing guitar. It is apparent that creating music is a deep part of who 4503 is as a human being.

Donor 4503 also loves creative writing and is developing that skill. He is currently in a collaborative project writing screenplays with his roommate. The donor is also in multiple bands playing various instruments. His life is very rich creatively. I found this beautiful and inspiring to witness.