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## Donor # 3733 Interview Notes

Donor #3733 had a very soft-spoken, gentle and initially introverted personality. He was wearing khaki shorts and a well-worn and well-loved t-shirt. His shy demeanor was quickly eroded when I began to ask him questions about his family. A warm smile accompanied his responses. He explained that his mother was the primary care taker and, continues to care for his two younger siblings. When she is able to, she relaxes by reading John Grisham books. She has a very particular and detail-oriented personality, which the donor feels, has helped to contribute to his desire for perfection in his work. His father is a machinist and has cultivated an ability to be handy and to fix a variety of machines. He was a champion quarterback for his high school football and always encouraged both of his sons to play football as well. The donor spoke about his sister with a fondness typical of an over-protective big brother. He talked about how he and his sister are very similar in their mannerisms. She asks his advice about friendships and asks his opinion of her art. However, her independent nature makes her reluctant to accept any advice that does not suit her needs. When asked about his grandmother that just passed away, he was more than eager to share memories, but only after he took a moment to collect himself. He explained that they were very close and that he misses her famous enchilada casserole, which, despite that fact that she was Portuguese and Italian, was her specialty. He feels that the time he spent with her during the end of her life was an amazing opportunity and, although he is saddened by her death, appreciates the time that they were able to spend together.

When asked about his general interests or hobbies, he was quick to talk about his interests in mechanical, mathematical and athletic skills. Math is a subject that he understands and applies with ease. He feels that the opportunity to work with his father when he was younger and help him with his projects was what allowed him to work on these interests. He also feels that his tendency to be a perfectionist, which is a trait he traces back to his mother, has also prevented him from continuing to pursue his artistic interests, simply based on the fact that we felt he was not good enough. His perfectionist tendencies, however, also allow him to fully commit himself. In a job, he says that he normally goes out of his way to become completely competent, going beyond the generic job responsibilities and striving to become a resource for future employees.

Overall, donor 3733 came across as a warm and modest guy with a soft-spoken and shy demeanor. However, after a few friendly questions, this deep-voiced, boy-next-door, was eager to share his stories and personal experiences.

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