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Donor # 4350 Interview Notes

Based on first impression alone, my assumption would be that donor 4350 is a good ole boy in the making, as a self-assured jock who has determined career plans (to work in environmental policy making and eventually go into politics) and an air of one who things have been easy for. It became clear to me, however, the longer that I talked to the donor, that this is dead wrong. He has a surprising enthusiasm and a sincere interest in other that is refreshing. I found his passion for theater (which is one of his two majors) incongruous, endearing and obviously genuine.

4350 is zealous about theater and environmental policy even though they seem like very separate interests. I see him as a person able to compartmentalize and use different skills to excel. The donor thought about going into law, but has decided he'd rather work on the policy end of things. He is very sure of himself and has well developed path for such a young person, yet in no way is he overly serious. I found him personable and enthusiastic. Donor 4350 played tennis for most of his life; his mother was a tennis player and taught him to play at a young age. Because his arms bother him when he plays tennis too often, he has transitioned to Ultimate Frisbee. He says that he likes the change because there is so much running in Frisbee and he gets a better workout.

He has a broad, athletic build, describing himself as a line backer type, and I would agree. He is very muscled and built without looking overdone or extremely chiseled. He has cute red hair that suits him well and a pale, slightly rosy undertone to his skin. The donor says some people have told him he looks like the actor Rupert Grint, Ron in the *Harry Potter* movies. He doesn't see it, but their coloring is certainly the same. Donor 4350 has a bigger build, but his face shape and facial features are similar to Grint's in the later movies. His mother always wanted a redhead, being a brunette herself, and although she married another brunette the donor's paternal grandfather was a red head and donor 4350 inherited the trait. He said his mother was overjoyed.

His parents have been married for over 30 years and are close to the donor and his older sister. The donor has consulted with his family about his decision to be a donor; he seems to have considered the process very responsibly. His immediate family all moved to the west coast when donor 4350 was little and his extended family still lives on the east coast. I asked him about his family's size, since there are so few health conditions in his family's health history. His mother's side of the family is small and his father's side is large, and plain and simple, they are just a healthy bunch. Both of his grandfathers built their own houses, and the donor described how his father actually helped his grandfather build their house as a child. He appreciates how much his family loves the land they live on and loves to visit them.

I found donor 4350 to be a true sweetheart. He was easy for me to talk to and I could picture him at ease with many kinds of people in a variety of situations. He was open and friendly and I genuinely liked him.