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Donor # 4404 Interview Notes

Donor 4404 is a fun and friendly guy with an artistic nature and bubbly self-confidence. He showed up for our interview with nicely fitting jeans and a button down shirt, looking understatedly stylish. He has a sweet face and an impish grin when he is speaking. I found him quick to discuss the things he was passionate about, and chatty about himself in general. At times when I was talking he seemed focused on something else, after a few moments however he would respond with something insightful, illustrating to me that he simply takes time to marinate before responding.

Donor 4404 has several interests and he talks about them with excitement. He is a talented photographer and has been interested in documentary for a longtime. His photos take on a documentary slant. He feels strongly about non-digital cameras and develops his own photos. Donor 4404 is unsure whether he will pursue photography or whether he will instead pursue a degree in Landscape Design. Wisely, he is taking some time to explore his art before he decides to commit to a graduate program. In the interim he is working as an art model and has lately been teaching himself aerial trapeze. Recently, someone taught him the basics of doing trapeze with fabric, and building on his existing dance skills he has since has developed his own style of aerial dance. The donor also plays the piano, saying that as a child it was his best friend.

Growing up off a on a dirt road in the woods, the donor and his sisters were very close as children and learned early to entertain themselves. He currently lives with his younger sister. The donor says that his mother's family was close knit as well, settling near one another in the Netherlands. He grew up with a sense of family loyalty and appreciation. The Donor's mother emigrated from the Netherlands after working as a psychiatric nurse. Once in the United States she opened a restaurant with the donor's father. When I commented on the different skill sets needed for those jobs he said proudly that "she is brilliant."

Donor 4404 has thought long and hard about his decision to be a donor. He asked me intelligent and well thought out questions about the populations who use our services, why people use donor insemination, the details of the Identity-Release Program® and our donor screening program. I feel confident that he has taken time to consider his decision to be a donor and feel like he as an asset to the Identity-Release Program®. I found him self assured, sweet and truly invested in the things he loves to do. He is good at enjoying himself and knows what he likes, as well as who he is.