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Donor # 4425 Interview Notes

Donor 4425 wore a Polo shirt, leather shoes, and nice jeans. He has a friendly, open smile, thick dark hair, and a thin, well-defined body. It is easy to talk with this donor, he is open about himself and his life. The donor shared a lot of stories about traveling around the world and I can tell that he enjoys meeting new people. Donor 4425 describes himself as an introvert but I found him to be incredibly accessible and friendly. He is well spoken and expresses himself with ease. The donor seemed comfortable and confident, without coming off as overly self-assured.

He has had a wealth of experiences and loves to tell stories from his travels in Vietnam, China, India, Thailand, Kenya and Dubai. The donor lights up as he tells stories of traveling and transported me back to those memories with him. I can tell he enjoys the constant stimulation of new experiences and likes to reflect on how people live and how different governmental structures affect people's lives. Donor 4425 spent a year in the Peace Corps working in Kenya as a small business enterprise volunteer assisting farmers. He told me that he learned a lot about government corruption and felt as though his program was ineffective because of the restrictive political climate. The donor said the experience heightened his interest and appreciation for politics, so much so that he is considering entering into politics in the future.

His experiences traveling and in the Peace Corps also taught him an appreciation of communities and becoming involved with the community in which you live. Donor 4425 is new to the Bay Area and just getting acclimated and one of his goals is to be involved in his community. Currently he is working as a tele-fundraiser and enjoys his job. He told me he feels that he has "come into his voice" and is enjoying getting to know his co-workers, some of whom are professional tele-fundraisers who have many interesting stories to share.

Donor 4425 strikes me as an invigorated young man who is excited about life. He is a little idealistic and is still figuring out where he wants to go in life and he has plenty of ideas. It should be interesting to see where his skills take him. The donor has the education and driving curiosity to propel him into a variety of areas. Wherever he ends up, he seems like the type of person who will enjoy himself and learn a lot from any experience.