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Donor # 4598

Interview Notes

Donor 4598 is a delightfully genuine, unique young man with a beautiful voice and sparkling blue eyes. His enthusiasm for life and ingenuity in the face of past difficulties is impressive to say the least. He came to our interview wearing a light blue short sleeved gingham button down and jeans; his clothes matched his neat and orderly demeanor. He has thick wavy brown hair and facial hair that looks really good on him,

Donor 4598 is very open about his life and the hardships he has faced. His strength came through as an easy grace and he was never blaming. He grew up with an alcoholic mother and who was often emotionally unavailable. After his parents divorced he spent weekends with his mother who would go through treatment and then relapse, making his life unpredictable. His father was also detached during his childhood and donor 4598 was constantly trying to impress him with his perfect grades and various accomplishments. Despite this, he is currently close to his parents. 4598 also has an extended family that is admittedly fractured but he remains very proud and connected to them. He is closest to his Grandmother, who he admires greatly. He shared; *she's been through a lot and is still optimistic and she's practical and she's still independent at 87. She is an incredibly impressive person.* He commented that he has a lot in common with his grandmother; they are both *optimists in the face of bad things.*

Donor 4598 has been involved in musical theatre since high school and it has been a major influence in his life. He loves all the elements of putting together a performance and the team work it requires. As a child he attempted wrestling and quickly realized that sports were not for him. He moved on to Boy Scouts which gave him the foundation for his later love of musical theatre. He talked fondly of campfire sing-a-longs and skits. His parents were very supportive of his love of theatre and still are. He is still very involved and is currently running a student theatre group. As a person who is driven by results, he likes to run the group as quickly and efficiently as possible. He spoke extensively about his desire to keep theatre a major part of his life despite his ambitions of becoming a doctor.

Currently the donor is throwing himself headfirst into the medical school application process; he's already applied and completed secondary applications to 14 schools. He isn't sure what sort of physician he would like to be, there are *just so many possibilities.* If he had to choose today he would pursue a career in cardiothoracic surgery. He's interested in medicine because *the results are immediate.* Being drawn to such a thing fits perfectly with his personality.

I can't say enough about this donor. As a healthworker we meet many donors and this one in particular struck me as being somehow different in his clarity and drive. He had a sparkle of sorts. I find this donor to be handsome, charming and charismatic, a truly a unique human being. His drive and determination are clear to see and I have no doubt he will achieve all of his ambitious goals with aplomb.