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Donor 3796 Interview Notes

Donor 3796 is strikingly handsome. He has thick dark hair and dark brown, intelligent eyes. He has a warm, creamy complexion that becomes ruddy in the sun. He has well-balanced features, high cheekbones, and a long straight nose with a barely-noticeable bump from where it was broken when he was a teenager. When he smiles, he gets endearing crinkles around his eyes. He bears a bit of a resemblance to Noah Wiley, an actor on the television series ER.

Donor 3796 comes across immediately as self-confident, open, and funny. He was engaging to talk to and while he is laid back and easy-going, he also has a self-reflective and serious side.

He grew up in the Central Valley of California with his parents and sister. He describes his upbringing as “typical nuclear family in the 70’s, not Rockwellian or anything, but close enough”. He and his younger sister butted heads growing up. His mom was the disciplinarian and his dad was more laid back. He has gotten closer to his family as he’s gotten older and keeps in close contact, talking to them regularly and visiting four to five times a year.

He was extremely active as a kid and hated to be bored. He spent a lot of time playing outside with a close-knit group of friends. He mentioned that he didn’t have a Nintendo until he was 16 and preferred being outdoors. He took music lessons as a kid, playing both the saxophone and piano. He was good at the piano, but lost interest and stopped playing in preference of sports. He played every kind of sport he could, with the exception of football. He picked up tennis in high school seriously. He still loves watching baseball and football and keeps himself extremely fit.

He is very bright and was always in the top five to ten percent of his class. He was part of the gifted and talented (GATE) program at his public schools. However, he wasn’t particularly ambitious until college. He majored in Finance and Economics then went on to receive an MBA in Marketing and

Innovation. In college and young adulthood, he felt that he really came into his own. He feels that he bloomed later in life, becoming ambitious, developing a love of music (especially the Rolling Stones), developing deeper intimate relationships, and discovering a profound love of travel.

After college, he spent time in India and London, where he developed his itch for traveling. He has traveled all over the world including backpacking through Eastern Europe, spending time on the Gold Coast of Australia, and living for a year in Barcelona. He is not just a tourist when he travels, but prefers to really get into a place, learning and witnessing other cultures and ways of living; expanding his understanding of the world.

With his good looks, intelligence, and athletic ability he could easily have been one of the “in crowd” in school. However, he preferred a more relaxed and genuine existence, hanging out with his close friends. He has made similar choices in his career as well. With his talents and MBA, he could easily climb the corporate ladder, but prefers instead to have time to travel and wants to run his own business, where he is his own boss and gets to set his own pace and rules. Donor 3796 strikes me as an ambitious person who lives his life with respect to his values and also greatly enjoys living.

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