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Donor 3800 Interview Notes

Donor 3800 was perhaps the most thorough and thoughtful donor that I have come across to date in regard to his health history. He was incredibly rigorous from day one in researching his family history, and put a lot of time and thought into answering personal questions and writing detailed and heart-felt descriptions of family members. It is clear that he is very considerate and wants to make sure he offers his best. During the health history review, the donor had just as many questions for me as I did for him—he had taken a look at the website from a recipient’s point of view and had questions about the services we provide. I got the sense that he was proud to be able to be a donor and felt that it was an honor that he was taking very seriously.

Donor 3800 comes from a very dynamic family, and it is clear that he cares a lot for them. In speaking about the health history, he mentioned that it was difficult to encompass their characters in such small spaces. Among his family members is a grandmother who was a professional violinist, a grandmother who works with the ‘Gray Panthers’, a grandfather that skied until the day he died, and a sister who is a gymnast. He comes from a family of capable, ambitious, resourceful, active, intelligent, engaged people. Donor 3800 himself comes across as intelligent and sharp. While in high school he was chosen to study college level courses his junior year, gravitating towards higher level classes in genetics. After studying genetics for a couple years, however, he became disillusioned with the way that learning was approached in college; the culture of cramming and the focus on performing on tests as opposed to genuine learning for learning’s sake was frustrating to him. Instead he taught himself poker, studying the game intensely and finding that he was a very adept player.

The donor comes across as extremely kind and sincere, quite humble and a bit shy. He has fine features and sensitive brown eyes, a round face and a solid jaw-line that becomes more pronounced when he smiles.