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Donor 3918 Interview Notes

Donor 3918 impressed me immediately with his calm and down-to-earth presence. He seemed shy at first, but as he warmed up and became more comfortable, his blue eyes lit up and his curved smile emerged in flashes of expressiveness and humor. His outfit was casual, well put-together and neat.

Donor 3918 seemed most at ease when reminiscing about growing up surrounded by his extended family. He feels a special connection with his maternal grandparents speaking fondly of his grandfather's integrity and his adventures with his cousins in the backyard at his grandparents' house. His maternal grandmother was a wonderful cook of Italian food and growing up with fresh vegetables and home-cooked meals helped shaped the donor's decision to work in culinary arts. He was similarly enthusiastic while talking about his daughter, shyly displaying a picture for me to look at and bragging about her height in a soft-spoken but forthcoming way.

I was surprised by how quickly donor 3918 opened up, since he initially seemed so soft-spoken. It was refreshing to see that soon after our interview began he became talkative and friendly. Consistently thoughtful and attentive, he never talked at the expense of listening and stayed engaged when I was speaking. I was impressed with his commitment to exercise and he continuously reiterated the importance he placed on a healthy lifestyle. I found donor 3918 memorable and sweet. He is one of the most genuine and likeable people I have met in my time at TSBC. Overall, I got the impression that donor 3918 has a grounded outlook and a humble and solid sense of self.

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