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Donor # 4055
Interview Notes

Donor 4055's enthusiasm and natural curiosity for the world belies the maturity and genuineness that he brings to all of his experiences. When I met him I was immediately struck by both his calm demeanor and the understated sparkle in his eye. Donor 4055 describes himself as having well-defined cheek bones. He also noted that in the past few years, five or six people have independently told him he looks like a young Robert Redford. I would agree.

Donor 4055 is the middle child of three brothers. He seems to care deeply about his family-- laughing good-naturedly about the tendency of men in his family to get bossed around by their wives. He is close to both his brothers, more so with the youngest in recent years as he has matured. He spoke with pride about his brothers' talents and accomplishments, especially his youngest brother's musical ability. He is himself a musician. Having played the guitar for 6 years, when we spoke his new violin was in the mail on its way to him. He was excited about the opportunity to learn a new instrument and I am confident that he will succeed where he puts his mind to it. He learned welding three years ago simply because he had an interest in the craft, and is currently learning carpentry as well.

This donor is one of the brightest and more engaging people I have come across. It is impossible to not like him immediately and as one spends more time in his presence his intentionality, good nature and interest in others, as well as the way the world works as a whole only become more authentic. He has put thought into his decision to be a donor, as he puts thought into each thing that he does and although he is responsible, his light manner and sense of humor only increases his charm. He is curious about everything around him, asking conscientious questions about his own testing, as well as the donor screening process as a whole. I got the feeling that Donor 4055 does not commit to things unless he can give them all of his attention. He is someone to be relied on.

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