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## Donor # 4289 Interview Notes

Donor 4289 has a friendly, open demeanor and a kind heart. While talking with him I noticed his pretty blue eyes and masculine features. He has a clean, relaxed style and was wearing khakis, an orange t-shirt and sneakers. This donor comes across as laid back even though he talks fast and becomes animated when excited. I would describe him as a very nice young man who is energetic and enthusiastic about life. He is extremely impassioned with his work and helping those in need.

The first thing I learned about donor 4289 is that he is a huge Red Sox fan. He told me that watching and playing sports is a big part of his family life; it is something that ties them all together, no matter where they live. This donor was captain of the varsity soccer team, and also played baseball. He said that he likes to stay fit. His girlfriend is also athletic, she used to play hockey, and is starting to enjoy watching basketball with him. They have been together for a few years and they moved to the Bay Area together after they came to visit and liked it out here. He went back to the East Coast, where he has spent most of his life, and decided to quit his bad job and live someplace completely different. His mom calls this his *extended vacation*. He is enjoying the Bay Area because of the plethora of stimulating activities available here. Donor 4289 is particularly impressed with all the free and inexpensive classes that are available to residents. On a typical weekend he goes to the beach, visits family, plays guitar, reads and watches sports.

I asked donor 4289 if he is close with his family and he said *my parents are the best*. He talks with parents and brothers frequently and he visits them often. The donor described his parents as old school hippies, who taught him to remember his privilege, and to use his skills to help people. As a family, they like to discuss sports and politics, the donor says they're *not shoot the shit type of people*. Donor 4289 wants to have kids eventually but feels he is not ready right now. His parents were really hands on (meaning his dad went to every one of his soccer games) and the donor wants to have the financial stability and the time to be able to provide the same for his own children.

This donor works in the development department at a health clinic that provides care for homeless people and underserved communities. His work involves securing donations and funding for the clinic. This donor is heavily involved in the community he works in and we had an interesting discussion about the state of non-profits in the down-turned economy and how it effects underserved populations that rely on services provided by non-profits. Donor 4289 has a strong social conscious and is most satisfied working where his contribution is much needed and where he has the ability to help people who are in need. His dream job is to work for a non-profit organization with disadvantaged and disenfranchised populations, of particular interest is supporting people who are HIV positive. He is planning on returning to school for a masters in public health and social welfare sometime in the future.

I talked with donor 4289 about the Identity Release® Program and he told me *If I were born through this process, I'd want to know what the donor does for fun, if it's the same stuff I like, and what he looks like*. He has decided to become an Identity Release® Program donor for those reasons. I can tell that a lot of thought went into this decision; he discussed it with girlfriend and both are comfortable with his choice. I appreciate that he thought about what it would be like to be born from this process, and that he is following a path as a donor that he would want as an offspring.