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## Donor # 4778 Interview Notes

Donor 4778 is one of those rare individuals whose true nature emanates right from his heart. Tall and willowy, he came to our interview wearing a dark green Patagonia fleece over a waffle pattern flannel shirt and skinny dark blue jeans with black Keds. His body is still in its awkward growing phase, long limbs, long neck, yet when he speaks his maturity is exposed and speaks with the voice of a confident young man. He really is *Adrian Brody-esque*; think Adrian Brody with a more square-shaped face. For example, 4778's nose is distinctive, and like Brody's, it fits his face perfectly. 4778 has dark, thick, bed-head hair and beautiful dark eyes framed by dark eyebrows. Every time he smiles, he blushes and his whole face lights up, absolutely charming.

Donor 4778 is a quiet person with a soft, deep voice. I would describe him as an observer and say that his quietness comes from genuinely wanting to listen to people, and while doing so, to make them truly feel heard. He is intentional in allowing other people to lead, playing to his skill set and his desire to be helpful in the best way possible.

4778 is a private person, not one to babble on about his personal attributes and details. He did speak freely about his family, however. It's apparent that his family is vitally important to him, and he speaks lovingly of each family member. From a young age, donor 4778 and his father were involved in all kinds of mechanical and engineering projects. They built a wired playhouse, model airplanes and spent a lot of time together outside. 4778 developed a passion for all things science, particularly chemistry. This hobby became an obsession. His father and grandfather fed the obsession by taking him to science museums and buying him things like a crystal-growing kit that forever changed his life. Through the help of an inspirational chemistry teacher in high school, 4778 decided to pursue medical school. After he completes the years and years of education, he is looking forward to being a general practitioner. He's interested in working with patients face-to-face which I think will compliment his character perfectly.

4778 is the oldest of three children. Growing up, he had a younger brother and a younger sister. Today he has two younger brothers. After years of *tomboy-hood*, his sister became his brother. His transition was met with love and support by everyone in the family. Donor 4778 said that his mother also has a transgendered brother, and that her family was/is just as loving and accepting of the transition. 4778 currently lives with his parents and two younger brothers.

Donor 4778 is Jewish in practice and identity. Judaism is so much a part of his life that he didn't even mention it at first. It became more apparent when we talked about his many social and youth groups. He was raised Orthodox until he was 8 years old, and then his parents decided to switch to Conservative practice. Even though Conservative practice did not require it, the family still attended synagogue regularly. 4778 attended Jewish leadership programs and traveled with his youth group. The family continues to observe High Holidays and 4778 plans to raise his children in the Jewish faith as well.

Donor 4778 is a sweet, gentle and kind young man who is mature beyond his years. His depth of knowledge of the way people work is astonishing and his faith in his religion is touching. I am sure there are many good things to come in his life.