

# Donor Pen Sketch and Goodwill Message

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I come from a [REDACTED] village in Italy [REDACTED]. From the apartment where I grew up, I could only see the sea, trees and some houses. I loved to gaze at the landscape, spend time in the meadow in front of my building and listen to the sound of the waves before sleeping. I was always a quiet child. I liked to draw and play long hours with my toys in my room. I loved school and studying was a pleasure for me, therefore I have always been an excellent student. In high school, I passed with the maximum possible grade and at university I always had very good grades too. Since I was a teenager, I was passionate about foreign languages and I decided to move abroad to study. I obtained university degrees from three different countries: [REDACTED]. I graduated [REDACTED] in Economics, English and German. [REDACTED] I also graduated in Italian literature [REDACTED]. Then [REDACTED], I completed a postgraduate degree in in French and Italian literature [REDACTED], I got a Master's [REDACTED]. With my passion for languages, I managed to speak five languages (Italian, my first language, French, German, English and Spanish), and build my professional career [REDACTED] where the fact that I was multilingual helped me get interesting jobs and have a stable career.

Regarding my hobbies, I love playing tennis, doing outdoors activities, going to the gym and travelling. When I was [REDACTED] I travelled across Africa, Asia and South America, participating in two volunteering projects, [REDACTED]. It was the best experience of my life!

I decided that religion wasn't for me when I was 14 and since then, I identify as an atheist.

Jobwise, I always wanted to teach and train people on something and had explored the possibility to become a teacher or a professor. I started off as a teacher of Italian [REDACTED], eventually becoming a Product Trainer [REDACTED], which is a person who explains a product to customers. I really like it, as this allows me to speak to different people and help them.

I am passionate about Italian and French literature. My favourite poets are Giacomo Leopardi (I Canti) and Charles Baudelaire (Les Fleurs du mal) but I also like Coleridge's Rhymes of the Ancient Mariner. The Prophet of K. Gibran is one of my favourite books, together with Narcissus and Goldmund of H. Hesse. I love Italian and French music but I listen to English music as well. During my [REDACTED] famous singers and bands that I listened to were the Spice Girls, Backstreet Boys, Take That, Lady Gaga and Rihanna. I also like Queen and Texas. With that said, my favourite music is Italian music.

My personality is not the easiest to describe. I can be relaxed and chilled, but I am also very committed at work, setting very high standards for myself. Some of my managers have called me "a perfectionist". I tend to have strong reactions when something does not go as planned and I may become sometimes rude. But I am also very sensitive: if I feel that I've treated someone disrespectfully, I am always ready to present my apologies. I am very introspective and sensitive. This is a double-edged sword: on the positive side, it equips me with a lot of empathy and it's easy for me to understand people, but on the flip side, I can become gloomy and feel hopeless quite easily. This leads me to live my life at fullest and I tend to waste no time when it comes to pursuing projects. I don't watch much TV, only tennis matches and ski races and some political talk shows. Life is one and now, so I will watch more TV when I get older [REDACTED]. I dream of a more equal society where everyone has more or less the same opportunities in life and where people care about the planet. Three mottos that represent me are 1) Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today; 2) How far is the top? You should go up and not think about this; and 3) always be generous with the people around you.

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Donor Goodwill Message to Offspring

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I wanted to give families or single mothers the ability to have a child/children. Parenting is such a noble thing: looking after innocent creatures that otherwise would never be able to survive. And when they grow up, trying to equip them with the right tools to sail through life. Parenting is forever, from day 1 until the end. To the family that I am helping I would say "enjoy this opportunity as much as you can, and I wish you and your child all the best".

To my biological child I wish to find a loving family, a life full of experiences, good readings, academic success and a lot of amazing friends and travels. I hope that this new person who will come to this world will be able to develop themselves, be happy, curious and lead by example. One thing I'd like to tell them is that life is indeed much shorter than we perceive it as children. If I may give some pieces of advice, I'd say not to waste too much time in futilities and in owning things: life is more about experiences than possessing objects. Be sure you look after your body: at the end, you and your body will be living together for as many years as possible and you want it to be on your side. Spend time in nature: observe the leaves of the different plants when they fall, the flowers when they flourish, learn about the origin of the planet, its animals and plants, the stars, the galaxies. Respect Nature in all its forms. Art (any type) can give some relief when your mood is low, of you feel down or hopeless. I particularly like paintings: when you have time, take an audio-guide in the National Gallery in London and spend some hours there walking around the paintings: they might cure your painful soul. One day, go to Paris to see the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay, to Florence to see Uffizi, and to Madrid for El Prado and Reina Sofia. Travel and choose the places you visit inspired by your curiosity and enthusiasm and let the discovery of new places and the meeting of other people and cultures shape your personality. Be always ready to work hard: the best results will arrive after big efforts but they will be the most rewarding ones. Be honest, polite but don't let rude or impolite people talk badly at you. Speak up and stand up for yourself, the people you love, your ideals. Find out more about great personalities of the past (Saint Francis, Gandhi, Mandela, Marie Curie etc.) and read great novels (Great Expectations, Crime and Punishment, Siddhartha etc.): they will help you understand the world from the comfort of your room. Life is a finite amount of time; try to laugh and be happy in as many moments as possible. Be around people who care about you and who don't try to take advantage of you. I wish you all the best and a very happy life! When the time comes and if you feel like it, I'd be extremely happy to be contacted and get to know you • .