

# Donor Pen Sketch and Goodwill Message

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Starting at the beginning, I'm the oldest [REDACTED], and I have [REDACTED] younger brothers and [REDACTED] younger sisters. [REDACTED]

I had a good childhood a bit crazy. Looking back I just thought it was fun. Now that I look back as an adult at some of the things I did as a kid I would definitely put them in the crazy category but I managed to live through it.

I love both of my parents very much. Looking back now as an adult, I know how much they had to give up to give me and my brothers and sisters everything that we needed growing up. Coming from such a large family, we fought a lot amongst ourselves, as all children do.

As a grown-up now, we all get along a lot better. Well, with most of them, but not all, but that's family for you. My father passed away a few years ago and that brought us closer together.

He was a good man and looked after all the family. Worked hard and was, without a doubt the most honest and upstanding person I've ever known. I miss him a great deal since his passing.

My Mum is still alive and kicking and is a bit of a free spirit. Case in point, she just completed a course in Spain to become a yoga instructor, [REDACTED] And that is definitely where all of my brothers and sister get their artistic gene from.

I only have a few friends, not much more than a handful, really. I've always been happy going my own way and doing my own thing and not needing a huge pile of friends. But I do have a good circle of friends who I know will be there if I need them.

I'll be honest I'm very easy going, and I like to think I'm pretty honest and laid back. Perhaps to be laid back, sometimes, which I think is probably my biggest negative.

As for any religious views..... My dad raised all my brothers and sisters in The Church of Latter-day Saints (an off shoot of Christianity), Which I don't follow as an adult. But I do believe that there is more to life and the universe than we could ever understand and that as long as you're not hurting yourself or someone else, then I think people should be able to believe whatever they want.

My thoughts on life would be that if there is some type of supreme being that I have to answer to one day, then I can say I tried my best and helped where I could and tried my best not to hurt anyone. I'm far from a saint, but if I can manage that. Then I shouldn't have to worry too much about my karma, I hope.

As for my thoughts on the world at this time, here in the West now, I think people have become so decisive about every topic now you are either with them, or you are the enemy. It's sad because when you look online, it always seems like world war 3 is only 2 mins away from breaking out between people.

But I've travelled enough outside the West and seen enough of the world outside what is fed to us by the media 24/7. That you see that things are nowhere near as bad as things seem online or on Tv. That the majority of people are pretty decent and just trying to live their lives as best they can. I'm always reminded of something my dad said to me when I was a kid, "The media exists to sell itself.

This is why you so rarely see any good news on Tv these days. It's not that good things don't happen but when bad things happen, people are always more interested. That doesn't take into account those who try to shape opinion through media." So at the end of the day, go find your own answers, you might be surprised by what you find.

I've had several serious relationships over the years, though as I write this, I am single and have been since I decided to sign up to go to the LSB.

I've worked in the security industry at various levels on and off for the last [REDACTED] years. It's funny that I only got into security because one of my best mates was making a lot more money than me working in a kitchen. [REDACTED]

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I've had a lot of fun with it over the years, seen a lot of exciting things and piled up a lot of interesting stories from things that you usually don't see.

I have several things I like to do as hobbies. The one I enjoy the most is travelling. I've done the backpacking thing twice when I was younger, being gone for about a year the first time and 8 months the second time. I can say without a doubt that those months of my life were some of the best in my life, and even ■ years later, I can still remember all the interesting people and incredible sights I saw. This is something I would definitely recommend as something for everyone to do at least once in their life for a year, most importantly without a phone, lol being the most important thing.

I am a much better person from my travels, which opened my mind to a much better understanding of this world we all share, along with a better perspective on what's important and what's not in my life. I want to go again at some point, at least one more time again in the future, and top up the memory's a little with a few new adventures. In the end, your memories are all you really have.

Travelling is what got me into my second favourite hobby, which is photography. I've been doing that for around 10 years now. And like travelling has taken me to a lot of interesting places and met a lot of interesting people.

I love to read. Sci-fi and fantasy would be my favourites, and I have even tried writing a little, not very good at it and is a lot harder than most people think to write your own story. But it is good fun to try, even if I've never managed to make it to the end of a story I was trying to write. When I was much younger, I used to collect comics too, of which I've managed to hold onto several boxes worth, which I have put away in the hopes they'll be worth something one day.

Top couple of things I dislike would be football which I'm the only one of my brothers who doesn't follow any teams. And chocolate would be my least favourite food type.

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Donor Goodwill Message to Offspring

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Hello. I've been staring at my computer screen for a while now trying to think of something wise or profound to say to you. And I'm drawing a blank on something that doesn't sound like it came out of a fortune cookie. So I will start writing and hope something good comes out.

So if you're here reading this, I assume that once you were old enough to understand, your parents told you, you were conceived from a donor.

Nice to meet you. I had the great honour of being a small part of the process that brought you into this world. Considering how long it took me to get to this point of writing this letter to you, I know how much effort your parents must have gone through to get you and must love you a great deal.

You are probably asking why did I do this? The answer is pretty simple I wanted to help someone. A simple answer I know but true non the less. At the time I'm writing this, I have no children of my own and looking forward, I couldn't see myself having any even though I come from a big family, but I wanted to help someone and perhaps in a small selfish way, have a piece of myself move forward in time.

Maybe one day we'll talk, and I can give you a better answer.

There are two words of wisdom that I know for sure in this life. The first would be that family is all that matters in the end. What ever struggles you've had or will have in the future I'm sure as long as you have you're family you will over come them. Your family is worth more than anything in this world. Don't take it for advantage.

And the second would be, pay attention when you're young and in school/college. That more than anything, I wish I could go back and change. I know grown up's say this a lot to kids. My dad said it to me when I was young, and it wasn't till years after I had finished schooling that I realised I should have paid more attention to it and less mucking about. So in the grand tradition of grown-ups everywhere, I hope you have listened to your parents when they told you this. And are doing/done well with what ever path you have chosen in life.

I hope you've had a great life to this point, and continue to prosper going forward. Just remember to try and have some fun. At the end of the day all you have are your memories, create as many good ones as you can. They will get you through the hard times. And no matter how bad you think today may be, tomorrow can always be better. Never forget that.

Take care, and try to do a little good with your life.