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Based on what my friends, family, and former partners have told me, I am kind, considerate, funny, unique, open-minded, intelligent, strong-willed, adventurous, adaptable, sarcastic, and interesting. My core belief is to lead an authentic life where one does not compromise their values for the sake of societal and economic pressures. I would like to think I have stayed true to this so far.

I grew up in a small town in ██████████, USA, in an area that has a rich history and cultural milieu. I always had a strong sense of identity as the connection to heritage is valued there—specifically Spanish in my case. That said, I was not satisfied to stay there and wanted to see the world, and I eventually ended up in ██████████ to study my MSc ██████████. I have been in the UK for 15+ years. I have had a successful career as a data scientist in media and tech here, and have made many wonderful friendships. I was married to an English woman for eight years, but we have recently ended our marriage amicably and remain friends.

My childhood was perfectly healthy despite my parents being separated for a couple of years when I was young—they always put my sister and me first. I attended Catholic and Methodist schools because my parents felt there they were the best in the area; I was raised Roman Catholic but do not practice now, although I appreciate the aesthetics! I also had the benefit of having a large extended family, of which I was the youngest on both sides. I was encouraged to be independent yet responsible, and was trusted to do things on my own or with friends from a young age.

I was always a good student and seen as intelligent by my teachers. I was also very creative, especially in visual arts, and also engaged in music (guitar) sports (only if they interested me—skiing was the main one), and theatre. In high school, my first sense of adventure came when I was accepted to take part in a student exchange in Russia, where I stayed in a closed-city near the ██████████ mountains for a month when I was 16-years-old. This made me want to see more of the world. I was well-liked by my peers and was voted Best Personality and Most Likely to Succeed in my final year of high school. However, this made me quite comfortable as a teenager in a small high school, so when I first went to university it was quite a shock as I was surrounded by many equally intelligent and ambitious people. But I adjusted to this and graduated with honours with a undergraduate degree in Economics. However, I did originally enter university intending to study film and got into New York University's film school, but my parents gently nudged me to study something else and pursue film on my own! In addition to my Economics major, I also pursued a Philosophy minor purely for my own interest, but did not manage to complete the requirements.

Since being in ██████████ have adapted quickly and have made many lifelong friends here. These friends also include my ex-girlfriends and my ex-wife, which I feel is a reflection on my emotional maturity. I have travelled quite a bit but not as extensively as I would have liked so far given I need to save a fair amount of my annual leave to visit home. But I have no intention of slowing down and plan to visit Southeast Asia this autumn. I try to remain social and pursue new experiences; for example, I recently returned from my second visit to Glastonbury Festival.

I have grown considerably as a person throughout my time ██████████ and feel I have improved on my potential from my childhood in a small town. That said, I feel like I have retained the same core personality traits and values throughout my life.

I hope this brief summary of my life gives you a good picture of who I am!

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Donor Goodwill Message to Offspring

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I wish I could know what the future has in store for you, but no matter what I hope you stay true to yourself, try not to take life too seriously, and grow in a direction that fulfills your uniqueness as a person; this is where happiness is found, not in the chasing of money, status, or material things. Life is full of ups and downs, but you are stronger than you realise. Please never lose sight of how amazing you are; that you are deserving of love, respect, and joy; and that you are important to people in your life. Live with love and generosity, and wonderful things will come your way.