

Hello and thank you for considering me as a potential donor for your child. Before we begin, I would just like to say that, having been through multiple rounds of IVF with my partner, I empathize with anyone who wishes to have children but has encountered challenges. To have made it this far requires strength of conviction and deserves recognition and support. I sincerely wish you the best of luck.

Do you find it ironic that we spend our youth trying to avoid pregnancy, only to find later in life that it is, in fact, a goal worth expending a great deal of time and resource pursuing? In my case, the decision came about because I wanted to be in a position to have the 'perfect family' and thus delayed the big moves. Sometimes we cannot control the timing of that next promotion; how ready we are to have children; or with whom we fall in love. But I now understand that sometimes, one must just 'get on with it'. The rest will sort itself out. At least the donor route offers a measure of selection.

So, what do you get with my contribution? Well, I am six feet tall, athletic, with a full head of thick hair, fair skin, and a friendly smile. I graduated with multiple honours from an Ivy League university, and am considered highly intelligent, hard-working, and successful. I speak several languages, have a good ear for music, get along with all manner of people, and am extremely devoted to my family and friends. The downside? The combination of intelligence and energy meant I was a precocious child.

### **Family history, genes, and physical traits**

Because family history is key to understanding what to expect, please allow me to provide some genetic background. Physically, I strongly favour my mother's side of the family.

Both of my parents were born and initially raised in or near [redacted] China, but left during the 1949 Revolution. My father's family is solidly middle class, Han Chinese, with a land-owning, mercantile background. After leaving China, Dad worked hard to earn a place in the top university of his adopted country, joined the Foreign Service as a diplomat, and eventually became a successful businessman owning and managing his own manufacturing company. Dad is of above-average height for his generation, is in generally good shape for his age, has a receding hairline and wears glasses. It seems quite likely that he and his brother and sister will all live into their nineties while maintaining active, generally healthy lives.

My mother is descended of Mongolian-Chinese nobility. Her Mongolian grandfather, a very tall man by all accounts, was the [redacted] His wife, and my great-grandmother, was a Russian noble of Caucasian genetic stock. My maternal grandmother was born in [redacted] and is clearly of mixed race with a high, straight nose, high cheekbones, and very large, lovely eyes. Her husband, my maternal grandfather, was pure Han Chinese, 6'2" and a high ranking military officer. My mother and her sisters are relatively tall, very graceful, beautiful, youthful appearing, and highly energetic. The mix of genes means that everyone on my mother's side of the family looks more Japanese or Korean, myself included. For a while, I would say "Sorry, but I do not speak Japanese / Korean" in their respective languages to those tourists who asked me for directions. I stopped when I realized this only confused them further.

Some more detail on me. I have a typical mesomorph body structure, with broad shoulders, a muscular chest, and long legs. I wear a 48" jacket and 35" waist trousers and just a few years ago could do 120 press-ups without stopping. These days, I can do between 60 and 80 but then need a break before finishing the rest. I have large eyes with brown irises, a high nose, naturally straight teeth, and good cheekbones and jawline. My full head of hair was a burden when I was a child, as I literally would overheat when I was in a warm climate but I'm grateful for it as I get older. I have always been considered cute or handsome and have no problem dating beautiful women, although I tend to favour women who are intelligent and capable above all else.

### **Upbringing and interests**

I was born and raised in a middle class suburb of [redacted], about an hour away from [redacted]. My parents divorced shortly after I was born and father moved back to Asia to re-join his family. I would eventually spend Summers with him, but not until I was older. Mother raised me on her own, with no financial support, but with the occasional help of my grandmother and aunts. For a time, she was the

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breadwinner for all of us, supporting several families on her hard work and intelligence, as the family wealth was lost during the revolution. She had a number of careers and achieved real success by building her own property company, with a large portfolio of flats and houses, and teaching herself how to invest in the stock market. In her spare time she was a political activist, newspaper columnist, documentary producer and director, judge for the [REDACTED] and was constantly doing charity work. While mom's generosity eventually led to financial disaster (she declared insolvency while I was at university owing to a debt she took on to help a friend), I still retain the lessons that anything is possible if one tries hard enough and that one should strive to improve the world.

Mother gave me every opportunity to succeed, often sacrificing her own happiness or comfort for my future. Even as a young boy, I had access to the best education, arts and languages tutors, and sports camps. I travelled the world with her or sometimes on my own, and experienced many great museums, performances, and restaurants.

In formal education terms, I attended a Montessori School until I was accepted, after rigorous testing, into one of the best magnet schools in New York for the intellectually gifted. As an example of how far ahead I was, I took the SATs for university admission at the age of 13 and scored in the top quartile nationwide. When I took them for real at 16, I scored in the top 1%. Also by the age of 16, I was proficient in French, fluent in Mandarin, and spoke English as my mother tongue having won the school Spelling Bee and been voted class President. My piano playing was admittedly sub-par, mostly because I rebelled against the discipline demanded by my instructor, although the training gave me an excellent ear for singing which I admit I have done at more than one friend's wedding. I always enjoyed sports however, whether it was skiing, basketball, judo, swimming, baseball, or horse riding. I played competitive tennis as a youngster, practicing at the US Tennis Center where the US Open is played, although I gave that up in favour of fencing and volleyball. I was good enough in the former that an Ivy League university [REDACTED] offered me an athletic scholarship, and in the latter, I was part of a team that won the [REDACTED], which was followed by my captaining my university team.

Mom was at every competition, always urging me to excel, and constantly giving me the encouragement to believe in myself. Looking back, I really appreciate all she did for me.

## Education and career

Mother instilled intellectual curiosity in me early on and taught me to think critically. When I was eight, she borrowed all of the money that I had saved from my birthdays and said I would get it back only if I learned how to calculate accrued interest properly. Well I did. A decade later, sitting in my first finance class at university, my professor said he was going to teach us the foundation upon which all finance was based - the accrual of interest - at which point I nodded in understanding while everyone else in the room started me scribbling notes.

Whether through nature or nurture, there seems to be a pre-disposition for academic achievement in my family. My father attended the best university in his country. My maternal grandmother and several of her brothers earned PhDs from universities in Europe and America while Mother and my cousins all have Master's degrees from America. I graduated with honours in two degrees, economics and literature, from [REDACTED] university in America on both subjects, and have since taken and passed a number of additional degree courses and licenses. In order to further my career, but not in any way due to it being a requirement, I have, on my own time, taught myself advanced geology, intermediate chemical engineering, and basic lightwave physics. I also love to read about European and Oriental history and culture.

What have I done with all of this? Firstly, I have carved out a solid career on Wall Street and in the City and am considered one of the top folks in my areas of expertise. Part of this is due to having had the opportunity to work for even more successful, intelligent, and capable individuals. My decision to embark upon a career in finance was driven by my mother's financial troubles. I had to borrow nearly one hundred thousand dollars, back then, to pay for my university education and was covering my mother's financial needs even before graduation. Thankfully, my career success means that I have been able to look after mother and over time, my grandmother, while becoming financially independent. The downside is that I felt forced to delay having children because I was so uncertain about my own future.

But why am I still in finance today? The truth is that I enjoy the intellectual challenge and variability. Understanding how businesses work, trying to quantify risks that are largely qualitative in nature, and applying or sometimes shaping the law to fit the opportunity actually do matter in real world terms. I often fund companies that are trying to grow and have twice saved companies from insolvency. This wasn't just a chance to make money, although for the most part I did. These actions created or preserved jobs and pensions and improved the lives of consumers by giving them more choice. I have never, nor will I ever, look to make money on something that goes against my core beliefs.

### **Spirituality, religion, and morality**

While I am not religious per se, I broadly adhere to the positive moral values as set out in most major religions. I believe one should try to help others when one can. I believe that hard work should be encouraged and rewarded but appreciate that in real life this is not always so. I also believe in fair play but do not blame anyone for wanting to give their children the best possible chance in life: this is human nature.

In terms of spirituality, my admittedly unsophisticated view is that there are things we as human beings do not yet fully understand. Is there an afterlife? Does God or do gods exist? Is there other intelligent life in the universe? I don't know but I hope so. The last question is, I think, the most terrifying, whichever answer is the truth.

### **My free**

Aside from my career, which as you may have gathered plays a central role in defining who I am, I enjoy learning about the world and engaging in new experiences. To date, I have visited over thirty countries and most of the American states and a trip around the world is something I plan to do eventually. Everywhere I go, I love to get a sense for what life is like for the locals. I do this by talking to all manner of folks, being open minded about the local cuisine, and really trying to understand their music and art.

I also have learned to scuba dive, having logged over a hundred dives in some of the most pristine waters on Earth. I have also tried hang-gliding, skydiving, sailing, and have hiked some of the world's tallest peaks. I have never been to space but would accept an invitation on the spot.

Otherwise, it is the usual routine I suppose for folks living and working in London's financial circles. I see friends for dinner, occasionally attend the theatre or opera or concerts, enjoy movies and museums, read books, and find great enjoyment exercising as much as I can. The gym is a great place to build endurance but I especially enjoy the social aspect of sport - playing more than watching. If there is a game with rules around it, I'll try it. I only learned how to play cricket a few years ago and am now solidly in the middle when being chosen for teams although bowling with a straight arm, I suspect, will elude me to the end of my days.

### **Conclusion**

Life is funny. We work so hard, we follow rules, and try to do the best we can. Sometimes, the most important things just happen easily. Other times, relatively commonplace events can seem an exceptional challenge. One thing I have learned in sport and in my career is that while preparation is key to success, the stress caused by trying too hard can lead to negative results. If I am ever blessed with children of my own, this is something I would pass on to them.

I hope this has been a useful insight into who I am and why. The rest is up to you. I sincerely wish you the best of luck and hope to have your well wishes also.