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## Goodwill Message

At the time of my donation, I am not a parent but I sympathize with the desire to be one. If I had the opportunity to help someone, I would like to help. Not quite the level of Spiderman's motto but they can't all be winners.

I hope that you find joy in whatever you set your heart to. Whether an artist who finds release in expressing yourself with your medium, to a craftsman building houses and homes, to a office administrator, working 9-5 so that you can head home and live your best life. Whatever it is, you find joy.

When I turned 16 my stepfather sat me down and asked me, "Do you want to be treated like an adult or a kid?" He explained that if I chose the adult option, I wouldn't have a curfew or need to ask permission to do things anymore but I would lose the "safety net" a parent would provide. Such as, if I got into an accident in my car, I would have to pay to repair it. If I chose the kid option; there is still a curfew, asking for permissions and what not but that safety net would be there to catch me if I made mistakes. My advice to you would be, do not rush to be an adult. You are at a crucial age of being encouraged to make mistakes. Find out what really calls to you without the long term consequences of adulthood.

I'll leave you with this, you are a wonderful person! Someone who was sought after tremendously. I pray that you have loving and kind parents that support you. For if you have that, then I know you can do anything.

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## About Me

Hiya! I hope this finds you well!

For me, I almost don't know where to begin. I feel like I was like any normal child growing up. I had boundless energy but did well to listen to my mom. My parents divorced when I was [REDACTED] so she was everything for me and I never wanted to disappoint her. I had a deep love of all things dinosaur and sports!

In grade school I excelled at nearly all my classes due to having a remarkable memory. I wasn't an overachiever. Even though I was placed in the advanced classes, I only ever maintained a B+ to A- average. Sadly, this didn't carry over into university where you need strong and developed study habits, something I certainly didn't have at the time. I eventually graduated with a Bachelor's in Counselling.

Why counselling? When I was sixteen I went to a Christian youth camp. I wasn't a christian at all but I heard there would be mountain climbing, treetop ropes courses and the bane of many a teenager, girls! Long story short, I feel like I had an encounter with God and gave my life to Jesus. Ever since, I have aimed my life towards Him. I was a youth pastor for [REDACTED] years before I became a pastor of a church [REDACTED] So I felt like a counselling degree would help me most when speaking to people about their hurts and traumas.

And I must say that I enjoy my life. I am a very relaxed individual but my partner says I worry a bit too much. I am very easy to please. I wouldn't say I am

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creative but I love coming along side people to help shape their ideas and projects. So more of an editor than anything.

I really enjoy reading! As many a young person, I had a few detentions in my schooling days and during one of them I discovered a love of reading. Truly, I read anywhere from 10,000 to 30,000 words a day. The only things that seem to pull me from reading is playing sports or going to see a movie. I grew up playing soccer and basketball and that transitioned into beach volleyball, where I would compete in amateur to semi-professional tournaments. As for movies, I love them! Well not all of them. Many are bad but the ones I love; Jurassic Park, Dune 2, Parasite, etc... Truly masterpieces in film making. My partner has a bachelor's degree in film so we often discuss the finer details of story writing and production. For a while I harbored a secret desire to be an actor but never pursued it.

All of that said, I hope you can somewhat get a feel for the type of person I am. Maybe an insight to the person you are as well! I feel like God made each and every one of us and loves us dearly, no matter who we love or what we look like.