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To Whom So Ever It May Concern,

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Re: Recommendation letter for "Champion of Impact"

I have known Dr. K.V. Ravishankar and Dr. Uma Ravishankar since 1981, and our professional journey commenced as medical students at Mysore Medical College. Throughout the years, I have had the opportunity to witness their incredible dedication to assisting individuals in underserved regions who require treatment for their eye-related conditions.

Early in their careers, their hearts were set on serving the underprivileged population of Mysore, a community in great need of his exceptional skills. They collaborated with various organizations and NGOs to accomplish this noble mission, showcasing his technical expertise and ability to secure funding. The results of their dedication were evident in the positive impact on the lives of the underprivileged.

Their commitment to making a difference did not stop at the borders of India. In collaboration with NGOs, Dr. Ravishankar and Dr. Uma Ravishankar extended their compassionate efforts to countries like Ghana and Bangladesh. Their enthusiasm has inspired a team of like-minded doctors to join him in providing services to even more patients in these nations.

Their remarkable dedication to alleviating the suffering of individuals with eye ailments in India and Africa is genuinely inspiring. The heartwarming anecdotes can evoke tears of happiness in anyone who hears them. Not only do they generously offer their surgical expertise and time without charge, but they also engage in fundraising efforts to assist those patients who require financial support.

Over the past three decades, I have had the privilege of witnessing the remarkable service that this noteworthy couple has provided to humanity. Their dedication to the less privileged has only grown stronger over the years.

In today's world, where commercial interests often take precedence, it is truly exceptional to see a couple like Dr. K.V. Ravishankar and Dr. Uma Ravishankar, who selflessly devote their time, energy, and financial gains to bring smiles to the faces of children and their parents. Their only compensation is the enduring gratitude of children and the heartfelt prayers of their parents.

With my wholehearted endorsement, I recommend Dr. K.V. Ravishankar and Dr. Uma Ravishankar as unequivocal candidates for the "Champion of Impact" award without any reservations. Their exceptional dedication to making a meaningful difference in the lives of the less fortunate deserves recognition.

Sincerely,

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