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To Whom it may concern

ANSH is a charity based in the UK. Our aim is to help poor children in India through small institutions who may not have access to larger donors but still carry out charitable activities for the betterment of children. We choose institutions whose service has high impact on normalising the life to some extent for these unfortunate souls. A group of families voluntarily pay a contribution every month and once in a year we have fundraising activity to generate the funds. For this year's award of the grant, we chose Ushakiran Eye Hospital, Mysore.

I have known Dr K.V. Ravishankar and Dr. Uma Ravishankar for more than 30 years. In spite of busy schedules managing an eye hospital they have dedicated time and resources to provide specialist treatment for eye diseases, including complex surgeries. They have carried on monitoring these patients, especially children so that they grow on to become adults and fulfil their destiny. They have catered to patients far and wide which is quite unusual for a hospital of their size. I am aware that these patients receive the highest quality of care and nothing is left undone just because they are non fee paying patients. It is this ethos that has carried forward this couple and their institution to be honoured. It is also quite interesting they have broken the barriers by reaching out to Ghana, Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya and other countries with their service. They have carried the Indian torch 'sarve jana sukhino bhavantu' concept, meaning let every one in the world be without misery, beyond the shores of India.

We, the members of ANSH charity, wholeheartedly support their candidacy for the ASCSRS Chang Humanitarian award.

Kind regards

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