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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Letter of Recommendation

Fundraising Project of Direct Aid Association, Armenian NGO, Public Charity

Zurich, February 15, 2007

Ladies, Sirs

Our long-term Partner Organisation DAA deserves our warmest recommendation for the projects submitted to sponsors for funding.

DAA, Direct Aid Association, Yerevan, Armenia, has reached step by step its status of today with the continued support of our organisation VAD who started to work on a long-term basis after the earthquake catastrophe of December 1988 at the Arabkir Medical Centre in Yerevan in the professional field of Paediatric Care.

The field of psycho-social and child developmental care for sick children and their families was in need to be built up. It was unknown in the former soviet system. But modern medical care for many decades already includes the aspects of social, psychological and developmental care and can not succeed without it.

Very early we have brought into this hospital the idea of needed psychosocial support for the sick child and its family. We have built up over years awareness and professional knowledge. This is what values today DAA, the charitable local Armenian organisation running professional services for sick, disabled and socially neglected children.

To run the three institutions mentioned in the DAA Project: Hospital School – Psychosocial Services – Patient-Family House stable financing has to be assured and this is what DAA does today with its own Fundraising Programme which is strongly recommended to any sponsor.

We have guided our professional Partners over thirteen years from zero to what they are today.

By their own Fundraising Programmes they prove to have reached the aim of our long-term partnership based on the keynote: **from help to self help.**

We emphasize once more our best recommendation to the sponsors and express our best wishes for a successful future to DAA

For VAD, President, Board and Members

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