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To: Whom It May Concern

From: Ara Babloyan, General Director of Arabkir JMC

### LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Joint Medical Centre (JMC) Arabkir is the central children's hospital in Yerevan, Armenia. A number of very important modern medical programmes were introduced in our hospital in 1993-2006 and within these programmes the majority of the medical staff got professional training in various specific medical fields in the Western Europe and USA.

In 2002 the Medical Centre Arabkir and the Republican Children's Hospital became one hospital, which was the start of building up a medical children's reference centre for the whole children's population of Armenia.

Within the huge medical programmes of our hospital DAA has its undisputed place with its psychosocial and educational approaches. DAA runs a hospital school and Patients' Family House for the patients of our hospital and their families.

According to the hospital school and psychosocial programme each child being admitted to the hospital is included into the general schooling with his/her individual development programme worked out by the special educator and the psychologist. The child immediately finds himself/herself in a wonderland being surrounded with attractive toys and games, and what is more important by professionals who gently accompany him through his stay in the hospital.

This programme is a big support both to the medical staff and to the child's family. The family, mainly the mothers, get psychologist's and social worker's service if needed.

The necessity of the DAA's input in the comprehensive medical approach to the child, being in the hospital, is a novelty in Armenia. It is an excellent example of co-operation in the medical and non-medical fields for the sake of sick children.

DAA has become a board member of of Arabkir JMC. In 2002 DAA's president was elected as a member of directors' board of Arabkir JMC.