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To whom it may concern

This letter is to support the application of the « Garden Reach Institute Rehabilitation and Research centre » (GRIRR) for the Rotary Humanity Awards 2020.

The GRIRR centre, located in a very poor area of Kolkata, was created and run by Mobility India for some time and closed when the company left Kolkata.

Nazim Khan, present head of the centre, is an experienced special educator whom I had met previously. Living in the Garden Reach area, Nazim, after the centre closed, was touched and pained by the distress of the abandoned children and their families.

And he decided to save the centre.

Together with colleagues educators, physiotherapists of the Good Samaritan in Howrah where he now works, they decided to contribute from their personal money to operate the centre. In addition they actually staff the centre during their free time in evenings and week ends.

As a medical doctor, I act as a volunteer with **Planète Cœur**, a French NGO, helping Indian NGOs working in the field of health/disability. In this capacity for the last ten years, I visited the GRIRR a couple of years ago and was struck by the motivation, experience and competence of the staff. I particularly appreciated the care taken in the follow up of the children.

Back in France I submitted the application to Planète Cœur's governing body. Planète Cœur has now been supporting the GRIRR for the last two years.

The exceptional level of personal dedication of the institute staff in the area of health for 150 children in need of care is unique in my experience and fully justifies their nomination as one of the Rotary's unsung heroes.

