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To,
Smt. Ritu Chhabria,
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Respected Madam,

When I decided to send a letter to you, I had no any other option but to request someone to write a letter on my behalf, because I am an uneducated woman belong to a rural area of Ratnagiri District. Shri. Kamalakar Patwardhan - now a friend and guide of our family - honored my request and wrote this letter to you to express whatever I have at the back of my mind.

I am Smt. Asmita Anil Shinde, the mother of Vishwas Anil Shinde, who was operated on 31.05.2014 on his dead auditory organs in Cumballa Hill Hospital & Heart Institute by a team of expert & renowned surgeons such as Dr. M. V. Kirtane and Dr. Shama Kowale. I am aware of the fact that this could not have happened without your gracious and angel act of donating a plentiful of amount for purchase of the Cochlear Implant Machine which was the prime and very expensive item in this operation. This act of yours, I am sure, will really put a smile on the face of my son and make him happy. Through I want to write to you a few lines of appreciation and thanks giving, I am aware that words can say a very little of what I feel. However my sincere fillings and sentiments will tell you how my family is fortunate enough to have received your kind donation coupled with donation from many other persons for hospital charges and other expenses and how we all appreciated the difference you have made in the life of my dear son! I am really happy to express my attitude of gratitude towards you and your kind mind. I am also grateful to Dr. M. V. Kirtane, Dr. Shama Kowale and their team who put in their utmost efforts to make the things successful. It is a greatness of their mind that these surgeons, in view of my poor financial conditions, carried out the operation totally FREE OF COST. I am also grateful to the other people who encouraged me, helped me and guided me on the proper path to overcome the bad and critical situation, but of which I would have been left groping in the dark. Here I will make a special mention of Shri. Kamalakar Patwardhan who is a staunch devotee of Sri Satya Saibaba and convener of Sri Satya Sai Seva Samiti, Ratnagiri and now an advisor, donor, helper, friend and guide of my family. He played a vital role in the total course of the medical and surgical treatment of my son. He however is reluctant to accept any kind of credit towards the works done by him and says that everything is being done by the blessing Bhagwan Sri Satya Saibaba.

By the way, I will say something about us now. I am a poor widow and work on fields on daily wages. I endeavor to manage education of my son Vishwas who is doing last year of diploma in Mechanical Engineering in Ratnagiri Polytechnic College. A normal child up to his 9th Standard, an infectious disease of mumps deafened him completely. In spite of his disability, my son continued his studies and scored first class with distinction every year in his engineering examinations.

I understand that the Cochlear Machine will be activated probably in the first week of July. I shall write to you again after activation of Cochlear Machine. The invaluable hand of co-operation from people like you, coupled with the Grace of Sri Satya Saibaba, will help my son and family, which falls below the poverty line and belongs to the poor section of the society. I am sure that my son Vishwas will be very successful in his future life with your kind blessings.

Thank you once again while concluding the letter.

Sincerely Yours,

(Smt. Asmita Anil Shinde)

N. B.: I am really happy to say here that the examination results of the final year of Mechanical Engineering are out today and Vishwas has successfully achieved first class with distinction with 80% of Marks. He is a Diploma Holder of Mechanical Engineering and I am his proud Mother now. Thanks to you all.