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To Whomsoever It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure and strong confidence that I recommend Ronan Michael Vasanth for undergraduate admission. I have had the privilege of working closely with Ronan from October 2024 to August 2025 through his volunteer engagement with Better World Shelter in Chennai—an initiative under the Dorcas Research Centre, a well-established organization working extensively with women with disabilities and marginalized communities across Tamil Nadu.

Our shelter accommodates approximately 80 women at any given time, many of whom come from deeply underserved backgrounds with limited access to healthcare, mobility infrastructure, or structured rehabilitation opportunities. Within this context, Ronan's contributions were not only meaningful—they were transformative.

Ronan played a leading role in the creation of India's first adaptive gym for women with disabilities within our shelter. From the earliest stages, he contributed to planning and development discussions, applying his academic background in Economics and Mathematics to help structure budget allocations, conduct cost analyses, and design accessibility-focused spatial planning. His ability to translate classroom knowledge into meaningful real-world impact is rare, even among students significantly older and more experienced.

What made his contribution particularly impactful was his genuine and sustained passion for fitness. Ronan did not approach the gym as a one-time project, but as a space where he could consistently engage, motivate, and uplift the residents. He brought both technical understanding and personal commitment, ensuring that the gym was not only built, but meaningfully used by the specially abled.

The adaptive gym now serves residents on a daily basis, many of whom had never previously had access to accessible fitness infrastructure. It has become a space that promotes not only physical well-being, but also dignity, confidence, and independence among the women. The initiative has also been featured on the Dorcas Research Centre website, in *The Hindu*, in *The New Indian Express* and more.

Beyond planning, Ronan demonstrated remarkable initiative in execution. He accompanied me to government offices, contributed to documentation, and participated in discussions with state officials to facilitate approvals. In these formal environments, he conducted himself with clarity, confidence, and maturity well beyond his years.

During implementation, he remained deeply involved—designing tailored exercise routines for residents, including low-impact mobility exercises and strength-building programs adapted to varying physical abilities. His personal interest in fitness translated into thoughtful, hands-on engagement, as he guided residents in the safe and confident use of adaptive equipment while ensuring that both safety and dignity were prioritized.

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What truly distinguishes Ronan, however, is his ability to translate empathy into action. Upon realizing that several residents were deaf or non-verbal, he independently took the initiative to learn basic Indian Sign Language. This allowed him not only to instruct, but to connect—to share encouragement, humor, and dignity in a way that transcended barriers. The trust and joy he built within the community were both immediate and lasting.

In addition to his work on the gym, Ronan played a key role in a fundraising campaign for Storead, our women-led social enterprise. Through his work in storytelling, outreach design, and digital coordination, he helped raise ₹1,72,062.40—directly enabling the purchase of a multi-needle embroidery machine and supporting the expansion of sustainable livelihood opportunities for marginalized women.

In my experience working with students and volunteers over the years, Ronan stands out as one of the most impactful and driven individuals I have worked with, and among the most exceptional students I have encountered at this stage. What sets him apart is not simply that he cares, but that he builds, structures, and scales his efforts to create tangible, lasting impact.

Despite managing a demanding academic schedule and multiple responsibilities, he consistently approached his work with discipline, humility, and purpose. He does not seek recognition—yet his impact naturally commands it.

What I will remember most about Ronan is not just what he accomplished, but the sincerity and consistency with which he showed up for the people he worked with.

Ronan is an exceptional individual—thoughtful, driven, and deeply grounded in values of inclusion and service. I recommend him with the highest level of confidence and without reservation to institutions that value leadership, initiative, and genuine social impact. I am certain he will not only thrive in a rigorous academic environment but will also create meaningful impact within and beyond the university community.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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