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TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

This letter is to certify that Mr. Vijeth Iyengar undergraduate pre-medical biology student from U.S.A. came as a student volunteer to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, India. His duration as a volunteer was from the 9th June to the 17th June 2006. During his stay as a student volunteer, Mr. Iyengar was stationed at the Department of Psychiatric and Neurological Rehabilitation. More specifically, he worked with many patients who had mental disorders and provided an interaction through the teaching of computer typing on various subjects. In the computer training section of the department we engage both ward patients and outpatients in computer related activities which include keyboard typing, interactive games, and teaching of the basics of Microsoft Office. We assign instructors to teach incoming patients these skills, and during his stay here, we assign the job of a computer instructor to Mr. Iyengar. He has taught many patients these important computer skills, but more importantly has cultivated personal relationships with the patients that he teaches. In addition, he has also been helpful in providing us the initiative and source for the attainment of new computers and was extremely eager in helping us have the best facilities possible for the patients.

Overall, he has enjoyed his stay here, and hopes to come back next summer to continue a similar appointment as a volunteer in our department. His insight has allowed the patients of the hospital increased ability to interact with fellow patients, thereby providing an important social output. The patients have shown great attachment to his teaching skills and have abated some of their initial fears in outside interactions with people.


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