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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have known Reverend Shianne Eagleheart over the past ten years and it gives me the greatest pleasure to be able to attest to her character and work.

Rev. Eagleheart, I believe, is a very special blessing for this world. Her triumph over adversity and pain is nothing short of a miracle. When many who experience pain lash out at the world, become bitter and revengeful - Rev. Eagleheart looks to bring healing, wholeness and love to ALL people. From chaos she has brought calm. I have witnessed her work at Conferences both in Australia and in the Black Hills of South Dakota, USA and seen how she brings serenity to the fragile and frustrated.

Rev. Eagleheart brings to her work a non-judgemental attitude that creates a positive alliance with everyone she encounters and has a unique ability to make people, from all walks of life, comfortable with her. Every person who encounters her, leaves with a great sense of themselves and a realisation of their worth and dignity. Rev. Eagleheart has worked with groups of troubled kids that I work with in Australia. Kids who are often abusive to those around them and untrusting of many adults, warm instantly to her and open up to her with their pain and abuse.

Rev. Eagleheart is a modern day prophet (I have never used this word to describe any other living person previously). She is the voice of hope, the voice of peace and forgiveness. In a world driven by payback and greed - she shines the light of creative altruism on the world.

I have worked with troubled youth over the past 31 years in Australia and now internationally in Banda Aceh, East Timor, the Philippines and Albania. I have met many outstanding and courageous people. Rev. Eagleheart would top my list of good, courageous and creative people. Anyone who comes in touch with her will leave a better person. I am very proud to call her my friend and I wish her every success and blessing in her quest to bring healing and hope to people all around the world.

Sincerely,

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- **Member Australian Institute of Professional Counselling**
- **Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Award 1994**
- **Variety Club Humanitarian of the Year, NSW 1995**
- **Vocational Excellence Award, Rotary Award 1997**
- **Australian Achievers Award, Australia Day National Council 1998**
- **Spirit of Crazy Horse, Reclaiming Youth International, South Dakota, USA 2000**
- **NSW Australian of the Year, 2003**
- **Prime Minister's Award for Excellence and Outstanding Contribution in Drug and Alcohol Endeavours, 2004**
- **Equity Trustees Not For Profit CEO Awards 2004, Judges Award and Joint Runner Up CEO Award**
- **Rotary Club of Sydney Centennial Community Volunteer Award 2004/05**
- **Ernst & Young Eastern Region Social Entrepreneur 2005**