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Dear members of the **Andre Zagame Prize Committee**.

I am writing to this honorable award committee, for the nomination of **Rick Sieller**, whose invaluable contribution to the Orthosis Rehabilitation Burn Program started ten years ago.

Rick Sieller individual service and contribution started with a complete and profound training of personnel from our Orthosis Rehabilitation Burn Program within our burn unit, with the confection of garments, the early making of splints with thermo malleable materials and Uvex Mask; all of these materials and equipment brought to our unit by **Rick**.

Personnel from our Orthosis Rehabilitation Burn Program, along ten years has asses a total of **29,082** burn admission (Inpatient-outpatient assessment) with different sequels, and had benefit with **262 Uvex Mask**, **2,887 Thermomaleable Splint** and **28,231 Pieces of Garment**, made of high quality material with equipment brought by **Rick Sieller**; this has help patients to continue with their life, diminish the progression of scar tissue and avoid contractures caused by damaged tissues.

The establishment of the **Orthosis Rehabilitation Burn Program** in Nicaragua by **Rick Sieller** has permit reinsertion of patients within society to their daily activities as part of the active economical population. Been the first in Central America and the Caribbean, has serve as a model for the establishment and continuation of same programs in various countries.

Rick Sieller effort, dedication and commitment with burn patients in Nicaragua, Central America, Carribean and the world, has my complete confidence, trust and respect.

Truly yours,

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