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**To the Women of Influence Team:**

**It is my privilege and honor to recommend Dr. Angela Franklin, CEO of Des Moines University, for Women of Influence. As a strong leader in our community Dr. Franklin came to us with a mission, and each day she can see the success she is having.**

**I first met Dr. Franklin when she moved to Des Moines to take the position she has so capably handled, that of President and CEO of our medical school and its programs. In her leadership role, adjusting to a new environment, Angela became acquainted with as many people she could to learn the system, her responsibilities to lead her team and what she must do to become an integral part of the community.**

**You could see both Angela and her husband at every event possible. Very open to people, she personally met with leaders and different groups of people in our community, assessing the needs of the University and shaping her position as extremely important to all of us.**

**Dr. Franklin has also stepped out into the community, sponsoring many non-profit events and chairing many herself. Angela is displaying her leadership techniques, taking on the GO RED for WOMEN program for The American Heart Association to name one such program. Her advisory team meets regularly and the goals are set and we are expected to meet them. But the important part of this is that she asks nothing of each of us that she would not do herself. She is relentless when it comes to a cause that is needed in our community. It is evident by the attendance and money raised for the GO RED this past year.**

**It is very obvious to me that she has been making the changes to make the university a very strong partner in our community with all health care providers. Committees have been formed to help her make decisions and work with the entire medical community to insure the best health care. She has stepped**

forward to invite the CEOs of the hospitals and Medical Groups to sit down together and make a difference as partners. She has urged students to become involved in the community through many projects.

It is important to our community that leaders be recognized for their determination to make our community and beyond a better place because of their dedication, passion and willingness to do the job. When we have a person who steps to the forefront and meets the challenges daily, we must recognize their worth. When we have a person willing to make decisions that may be difficult for us to understand, but we know must be done, it is important to recognize their leadership skills.

Dr. Angela Franklin represents what a Woman of Influence is and should be every day. I am proud to write this letter and to have her as a part of our community.

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