

To: Woman of Influence Selection Committee

It is my pleasure to endorse the nomination of Brenda Mouw for the "Woman of Influence Award." I have served with Brenda on numerous boards including Orchard Place, Des Moines Founders Garden Club, and, most recently, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden.

Brenda has always shown a willingness to take a leadership role within each organization she has served. I have found her to be dependable, efficient and tireless in her passion to take on challenging projects. Brenda was indispensable while serving on the Design and Construction Committee of the Botanical Garden revitalization project, and currently, she serves as co-chair of the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden Development Committee, the critical fundraising arm of the Foundation Board.

It has been a privilege and joy to know and work with Brenda. Her volunteer efforts have enriched our community. Brenda is a highly deserving candidate of this distinguished honor given by the Des Moines Business Record.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janis Ruan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Janis Ruan