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Business Record Women of Influence

This letter is in support of the nomination for Karn Gregoire. When I met Karn in 2010 I was immediately touched by her personal journey and since that first meeting we have become colleagues and friends.

Karn is relatively new to the community, but you would never know that by how involved she has become. She not only serves on several boards and committees, but has the leadership role in an effort that will have a major impact on our community, Vision Marshalltown.

Karn joined the Board of the Community Foundation of Marshall County in 2013 and is serving a second term. When she joined the board she was independently employed as a consultant, but soon was hired by the Martha Ellen Tye Foundation, a private family foundation, as their executive director. She has shared her love for Marshalltown and Marshall County with the community foundation.

She provided great leadership as we went through a difficult transition as a community foundation and even though her own job responsibilities have grown significantly she has remained an active, committed board member. With her involvement on the board we have become a trusted and respected organization in Marshalltown. She brings an incredible level of professionalism to all she does. In addition to professionalism she also brings a level of caring that is extraordinary. She and her husband, Paul have become philanthropists in their own right.

It is a pleasure to work with Karn as a board member of the Community Foundation of Marshall County as well as other projects. It is an honor to support her nomination for your prestigious award as a Woman of Influence.

Thank-you

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