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Business Record
Women of Influence Committee
100 4th St
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RE: Kim Bakey Letter of Recommendation

Dear Committee,

It is my privilege to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Kim Bakey for the 2016 Business Record Women of Influence recognition.

Kim serves on our Blank Children's Hospital Board of Directors and currently serves as the Vice Chair of the executive committee. Over the past number of years Kim has been a tireless volunteer giving of her time, talent and treasure to support the statewide children's hospital here in Des Moines. Kim is a passionate individual for the Des Moines community and strives to provide her leadership to make a difference and an impact on others.

A prime example of this has been her support of the Blank Children's Hospital Festival of Trees and Lights event for the past 10 plus years. Kim has religiously attended and supported FOTL and provided an outlet for this marquis event to impact the lives of children and families all throughout our hospital and throughout our state. Last year Blank Children's Hospital treated a child in all 99 counties in Iowa and Kim's leadership has been instrumental in allowing that to happen. She is a broad thinker and has a strategic mind set when it comes to programmatic development new service offerings that impact not only the child but the entire family.

During Kim's tenure on the board we've started innovated programs like our Medical Legal Program, expanded our Child Abuse center and developed further Child Life services such and Art and Music Therapy. None of those items could have been possible without our board and specifically Kim's leadership to support this fine organization.

I recommend without hesitation Kim Bakey as a true woman of influence as she has influenced thousands of lives every single year here at Blank Children's Hospital.

Should you have any questions regarding this nomination or this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

David Stark, FACHE
President/COO – Blank Children's Hospital
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