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2017 Woman of Influence Selection Committee Business Record The Depot at 4th, 100 4th Street Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Members of the Committee:

It is an honor to support Julie Fidler Dixon's nomination as a Woman of Influence. She has a long history of influencing the quality of life for Central Iowa including healthcare delivery in Iowa and around the world, non-profit and healthcare professionals, and her community.

Julie has used her influence to change how patients with brain injury and their families receive critically needed access to care, receive the most evidenced based care, and have the very best outcomes. Julie's leadership has created a nationally recognized state-of-the-art facility in Central Iowa. On With Life is a community resource that is among the very best in the nation. Julie has devoted her career to ensure that rehab, and truly the best rehab, is available in Central Iowa. Her advocacy on local, state and national levels have changed the way we care for and finance the care for these extremely vulnerable patients. Julie has been a quiet influence, never seeking honors, just better care for the people of Iowa.

Because of Julie's leadership in Central Iowa, national brain injury professional look to Julie and On With Life for innovation and best practices. Julie is an international resource and surveyor for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehab Facilities (CARF). Only the best professionals with proven records of success are chosen for these roles. As Julie travels the world in this role, she always is an ambassador for Central Iowa.

When I moved to Iowa in 2009, Julie was one of the first healthcare leaders I met. Julie generously took me under her wing providing key introductions and navigation of the healthcare landscape. It is her passion to ensure that all people in Central Iowa have access to high quality health care. She has been a mentor to many young professionals in non-profit, health care and other fields. She gives of her time, her talents, and her wisdom with the only expectation that those she touches pays it forward to help others.

Julie is truly a woman of influence. I strongly encourage the committee considers Julie Fidler Dixon for this honor.

Sincerely,

Norene Mostkoff