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Women of Influence Selection Committee  
Business Publications  
100 Fourth St.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Selection Committee,

It is with great pleasure and honor that I submit this letter to support the nomination of Suzanne Mineck for the Business Record's 2017 Women of Influence award.

Suzanne is a tireless advocate encouraging us all to listen to the voices of those who must be heard. Her influence lies in her unique ability to be a constant drumbeat on the necessity of collaboration to address issues of emotional, social, mental and physical health and well-being. She has encouraged our community and its leaders to see health as an issue that reaches far beyond a patient and a doctor; it's the emotional health of a child, it's a stable and safe home for a family, it's the systems changes that are needed- and often not seen- that impact the trajectory of a person's life for decades.

These are the places you find Suzanne whispering reminders, asking important questions and, when necessary, speaking through a megaphone to be sure that our community members whose health is most vulnerable are not left behind. Our region is stronger because of her presence and persistence and we are proud to have Suzanne as a partner in our work at the Community Foundation and in our community. She exemplifies what it means to be better together.

Suzanne is truly a woman of influence in our community who is achieving impact through her collaborative spirit and determination. Thank for you considering her for this honor.

Sincerely,

Kristi Knous  
President  
Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines