

May 21, 2018

Des Moines Business Record
Attention: Jason Swanson
100 4th Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Jason:

It is my pleasure to nominate Mary Neubauer for the 2018 Women of Influence Award. I have known Mary since 1999, when my tenure began on the Iowa Lottery Board. Over those years, I have watched Mary grow and develop into an extremely competent leader, businesswoman and professional. As her position in public relations for the Iowa Lottery changed and expanded, she was adaptable and always the professional voice to the public about the latest developments. Mary has always made herself accessible to both the Board and the organization. The countless hours she devotes to the Lottery, at all hours of the day, truly reflects a dedicated and passionate leader. Mary is highly respected by the entire management team at the Lottery, as well as by legislators and the media.

In addition to working with Mary on a professional level, I have come to know Mary on a personal level as well. Knowing that she had a personal tragedy in her life in recent months, I am truly amazed by this woman. Mary has made it a mission in her life to get the word out about mental health needs for young people, and the lack of resources available for those in need. She has been relentless in communicating the crisis that exists to the public and to the Iowa legislators. In my opinion, she is single-handedly responsible for bringing this issue to the forefront of the citizens of Iowa. Mary was instrumental in legislation that was recently passed addressing this need.

Mary's influence, not only in her profession, but also in her dedication to mental health issues, has proven her to be an outstanding leader. This is the case not only in the state of Iowa, but also nationwide and internationally. Mary and a coworker recently accepted an international Lottery award in London related to the exceptional ethics displayed by the Iowa Lottery in a widely publicized trial, in which she had an instrumental role. For all of these reasons, and many I'm sure I am missing, I highly recommend Mary for this award.

Sincerely,

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