



May 23, 2018

Application Review Committee,

On behalf of the entire team of providers, staff, board members, patients and families at Blank Children's Hospital, it is my honor to formally recommend Kim Bakey as a 2018 Woman of Influence.

Kim has served as an integral member of the Blank Children's board of directors since 2011 and recently transitioned to the role of board chair. Over the last seven years, Kim's leadership has helped guide the successful completion of a \$14 million capital campaign for our emergency and intensive care services, a search and selection process for senior leadership and the strategic expansion of our outpatient services. Without a doubt, Blank Children's and the kids and families we serve are better because of Kim's dedication and support to making a difference.

Kim has also made a direct impact on our organization through her role as CEO of Iowa Realty and oversight of the Iowa Realty Foundation. Giving back to the community has always been a core principal of Iowa Realty's, and through Kim's leadership, that commitment has continued to grow. In 2006, Iowa Realty became the presenting sponsor of the Festival of Trees & Lights, our largest fundraising for Blank Children's that also serves as the unofficial kick-off to the holiday season for over 20,000 in our community. Their leadership gift sent a strong message to other organizations and individuals, and as a direct result of their support, Festival has continued to raise vital funds to support programs and services at the hospital that would not exist without philanthropy. Through their sponsorship, Kim also encourages their employees to and agents to "walk the talk" by volunteering at the event, serving on committees and engaging their families in doing the same.

In addition to their support of Festival, Kim has lead Iowa Realty's involvement in Variety – the Children's Charity, Ashley Okland Star Playground, Habitat for Humanity, Camp Tanager, I Have a Dream Foundation and United Way Des Moines & Eastern Iowa. They continue to look for ways to give back and increase their support of community events including Winefest and, more recently, the Des Moines Triathlon.

I cannot think of an individual more deserving to be named as a Woman of Influence. Kim Bakey is a leader not only committed to making Blank Children's and our community a better place, she is dedicated to encouraging others to do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Steve Stephenson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "S" at the beginning.

Dr. Steve Stephenson
President, Blank Children's Hospital