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Business Record 2016 Forty Under 40 Award Committee

100 4th Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50309

RE: Nomination of Christy Jones for the 2016 Forty Under 40 Award

Dear Business Record 2016 Forty Under 40 Award Committee,

It is an honor and privilege to write this letter recommending Christy Jones for the 2016 Forty Under 40 Award. In 2010 I had the opportunity to serve with Christy on the leadership team for a local chapter of BNI. Since then, I have been a customer of hers and have witnessed her leadership first hand.

At R. Jones Collision 1, Christy is the owner where she plays a key role in the business operations. Christy brings fresh ideas and a softer side to collision repair by taking the time to educate each customer. This ever-changing male-dominated industry calls on leaders capable of being creative, innovative and forward-thinking. Christy exudes all of these qualities.

She is the founder of Ladies Night Out: An Automotive Crash Course; a free class offered to the public on the collision repair process. The class provides a perfect stage to combine her love of education and automobiles. In recent years she founded a Teen version of the same class.

Christy contributes her time and talents to a variety of community and industry-focused organizations. From helping with the Johnston Community School Foundation, the Urbandale Community Action Network, the Iowa Collision Repair Association, the National Association of Women Business Owners or the Women’s Industry Network, Christy contributes her very best efforts to turn the vision of the various organizations into reality.

Christy is active in a number of areas outside of business. She built and implemented a 50/50 raffle at the Iowa Barnstormers games with the proceeds for the entire season benefitting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She was on the campaign committee for the winner of the LLS Woman Of The Year Campaign in 2013. For four years she led a plan for an annual car giveaway to individuals in need.

One of her passions is to inspire personal and professional growth in the women around her and in the community. Thus, she is a member of several groups that focus on women. Annually Christy attends seminars and training on leadership and character development. She is always eager to share what she has learned in an effort to better those that cross her path. It is Christy’s contributions of leadership, time, and most of all heart that allow her to successfully collaborate in creative endeavors or dominate individual projects..

In closing, it is with sincere conviction that I recommend that Christy Jones be selected as a recipient of the 2016 Forty Under 40 Award.

If you have never met Christy Jones, you should! Better yet, sit on a board or work on a community project with her. You’ll be glad you did!!

Jennifer Boldt