

The Business Record
Re: Amber Corrieri

Dear 40 Under 40 Selection Committee:

Please accept this nomination of Amber Corrieri for the 18th annual Forty Under 40 award. I believe Amber Corrieri should receive this prestigious recognition based on her outstanding professional accomplishments and involvement with our organization, and her ongoing commitment to many other civic organizations in the Ames and Des Moines areas. Following are a few of her many accomplishments:

- Amber Corrieri serves as the Director of Communications for Mainstream Living Inc., a provider of direct services and supports for persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with mental illness in Polk, Story, Dallas and Boone counties for over 40 years. Amber also serves as a City Council member for the city of Ames. In her dual role as a community representative and as a provider she is an outstanding advocate for the needs of persons with disabilities, and she works tirelessly to improve services, and service access for countless people with disabilities in central Iowa.
- Amber is very committed to the development of creative, innovative and responsive services. She works in collaboration with many civic organizations. She takes initiative to resolve issues as they arise and she looks for big picture solutions, solutions that will not only help people today but will help many people over time. She is very respectful and tolerant, and her quiet style of exercising influence and leadership is apparent within the community as projects move forward. For example, she is spearheading efforts to work with the City of Ames, Mainstream Living, ChildServe and many other stakeholders to raise funds and build a Miracle Field and inclusive play area for people with disabilities in Ames area. And, her grant writing and advocacy efforts have already helped Mainstream Living open two homes in the Des Moines area dedicated to providing services for individuals with a disability who are also medically fragile.
- Amber consistently advocates at every opportunity for changes that will make a real difference in the lives of people with disabilities. She works directly with persons with disabilities and family members in the areas of improving housing, creating employment opportunities, improving health care, improving transportation, expanding mental health services, and increasing socialization opportunities.

I believe that Amber's professional accomplishments and involvement with our organization, her outstanding accomplishments for the community, and her personal qualities make her one of the most valuable resources in our community. I ask that the selection committee: acknowledge her dedication to quality services and supports; honor her respect and advocacy for persons with disabilities, and value her efforts to promote self-determination and inclusion as essential components for a well-rounded community.

I believe that Amber Corrieri is someone who would be an outstanding representative for the Business Record's Forty Under 40 award.

Sincerely,



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RE: Candidacy of Amber Corrieri

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in support of Amber Corrieri for one of the 40 Under 40 awards. I have practiced law and lived in Ames, Iowa, for twenty years and have worked with Ms. Corrieri for many of those years. This has given me a vantage point to form an opinion about her strengths as a candidate for the award. For the last three years I have also had the privilege to serve with Amber on the Ames City Council.

For many years, Amber has been very intentional about finding ways to make our community a better place for all its citizens. She is an articulate and passionate leader on behalf of many who would not otherwise have a voice. Prior to Amber's service on the city council, she served two terms on the Ames Humans Relations Commission. This Commission provides a critical role in safeguarding the civil liberties of our citizens. She has also served two years as a volunteer on the Ames Analysis of Social Services Evaluation Team (ASSET). This organization promotes the coordination of the City of Ames, United Way, and other partners in funding social service organizations in Ames.

In addition, Amber has been a board member and volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club. In her professional role, Amber is the Director of Communications for Mainstream Living. As you are likely aware, Mainstream serves adults with disabilities in the Ames and Des Moines area.

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My closest interaction with Amber has been in the course of serving on the Ames City Council. I have found Amber to be an ideal council member. She is independent, a great listener, and thinks critically and for the long term. It is common for the council to be stuck in a difficult conversation and then Amber asks that one salient question that moves us to resolution. This can only be done by careful listening and evaluation. As a result, Amber helps us to make wise decisions.

Finally, I believe that Amber exemplifies the ethical standards that we expect our city leaders to maintain. I firmly believe the Amber would model exactly the kind of community leader contemplated by the 40 under 40 award.

Please call or write if you have additional questions.

Very truly yours,
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