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Mark Vukovich
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Selection Committee:

With great pleasure I support the nomination, of Azure Christensen for the Business Record Forty Under 40 Award.

During her tenure as Development Director at Blank Park Zoo, Azure's dynamic personality and tenacious business spirit helped raise capital dollars for the Zoo's expansion.

Azure has a unique set of relationship building and business skills to be a valued community leader. Her even temperament and analytical skills proved valuable in shaping the Zoos strategic efforts.

Blank Park Zoo has benefited from Azure's leadership, support and generosity throughout the years. Azure has been supportive in facilitating conversations with stakeholders and community leaders.

Central Iowa is lucky to have leaders like Azure who understands how important it is to get involved with and give back to the community in which you live and work. Blank Park Zoo is just one of the many organizations that has benefited from the Azure's skills, wisdom, connections and dedication.

Again, on behalf of Blank Park Zoo, I submit this letter of support for Azure's nomination. I wish the committee luck with its selection as Central Iowa is incredibly fortunate to have such amazing people who have supported this community.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or if you need additional information.

Regards,

Mark Vukovich
President & CEO

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