

January 3, 2017

Forty under 40 nomination committee  
Des Moines Business Record  
The Depot on Fourth – 100 – Fourth Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Forty under 40 nomination committee,

On behalf of Mentor Iowa, I would like to nominate Jacob Jaacks for the 2017 Des Moines Business Record Forty under 40 award. Jacob joined the Mentor Iowa board in 2013 and has helped us have one of our most successful years in our 42-year history. His willingness to take on many roles to help the community makes him a great candidate for this prestigious award.

Jacob approached me during a Mentor Iowa fundraiser and mentioned his desire to want to help the children in our community. This desire led him to Mentor Iowa as a way to give back to the community and make an impact with others. He did everything that was asked of him to complete our board prospect process and in a few short months he was accepted unanimously to our board of directors in 2013. In the time he has been on our board he has helped with the planning of several projects, volunteered at these events, is a member of our finance committee and developed our annual budget.

I am very honored to have Jacob Jaacks as a member of the Mentor Iowa family. He is a valuable asset to our organization and I see his future involvement help us grow to make more matches for the youth referred to our program. He has a presence you notice immediately when he walks in a room and his past background with the University of Iowa basketball team will allow us to reach a more diverse audience to help our organization grow.

As a member of the 2008 Forty under 40 class, I have met a lot of wonderful and talented people who have achieved business success and given back to the community. Jacob Jaacks is the right selection for the 2017 class due to his commitment to our community and passion to help others.

If you would like to learn more about Jacob Jaacks and his dedication to the children of Mentor Iowa, please feel free to contact me at 515-277-9797.

Sincerely,

  
Marty Lester  
Executive Director

*Every Child Deserves A Future*

