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***Letter of Recommendation for Business Record's 40 Under 40: Lincoln Dix***

Dear Selection Committee:

I would like to nominate Lincoln Dix as a *Business Record's 40 Under 40* candidate. Through the time that I have been associated with Lincoln, I have found him to be high performing, extremely motivated, and a very well-rounded person that should be considered for this esteemed award.

I met Lincoln through the 2013 Young Professionals Connection Executive Board; I was an At-Large Chair and Lincoln was the Charitable Committee Chair. Lincoln has continually inspired me with his dedication to community, friends, and family. Among a group of peers in the YPC Board that are extremely talented and motivated, Lincoln stood out. There are many things that he does and attributes that he has that I believe make him a great Young Professional in Des Moines.

**Community Involvement/Charity:** Aside from being involved with many Non-Profit organizations through his role with YPC, Lincoln is also involved with many other organizations around town in which he frequently contributes volunteer time that include, but are not limited to:

- Central Iowa Shelter Services
- Habitat Young Professionals
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Des Moines Bicycle Collective
- Many More

His role in YPC is also very impressive. As the Charitable Committee Chair Lincoln ran monthly committee meetings, developed monthly volunteering events and partnered with the YPC Social Committee for monthly Happy Hours. He also attended many other YPC events and participated in many other YPC committees. Lincoln was quick to help and support me when I needed volunteers for my own event, the Golden Circle Games. He came early to the event and was flexible to assist with my volunteer needs. He was a great asset to my team that day and helped to ensure the event was a success.

**Entrepreneurial:** After initially meeting Lincoln I found out he also started his own business: Origami Floral. He was able to take his talent of Origami and create a unique business out of it. His spirit of continually taking on new tasks, problem solving, networking and developing creative ideas is admirable.

**Family Oriented:** Lincoln is a father of three great kids. He frequently brings them along to different volunteering events and tries to instill in them the same passion he has for life and giving back. He takes great pride in raising his children.

**Leadership:** Lincoln demonstrates great leadership ability on a regular basis. He is able to rally support for almost anything he is involved in, and bring together people for common goals quickly and efficiently.

**Hard Working:** It does not take long to understand that Lincoln is one of the hardest working people you may ever meet. Though to him, it does not seem to be work, he is living life. From his full time job with Staples, all of his time spent with YPC, Origami Floral, athletics, and other organizations he is involved with – he does it all with a smile on his face.

With all of this said, I believe Lincoln would make a great candidate for *Business Record's 40 Under 40*. I cannot think of a person more deserving of this award. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have questions or require anything further in support of Lincoln's nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cory W. Sharp', followed by a long horizontal line that ends in two dots.

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