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## Letter of Recommendation for Sarah Dornink

I am writing to recommend Sarah Dornink for this year's Business Record Forty Under 40y award. Sarah is a visionary in our community. I have had the privilege of knowing Sarah for over 30 years. We have not only been friends but most recently have volunteered together for ChildServe's Bubble Ball the last 6 years. Sarah has served as the Runway co-chair and has transformed an "interesting concept" into one of the premier charitable events in the Des Moines metro. Sarah's work on the show has taken attendance from an event of 300 people to an event averaging 1,000 every year, which has helped to raise over one million dollars for ChildServe.

I always enjoy volunteering with Sarah because she makes everyone helping her look good! She is organized and devotes herself wholeheartedly to every volunteer task. She is ready to donate her time to many worthy causes including work for Runway Ballet and 2016 Give a Damn! Fashion Show and Pre-Caucus Party. She has fun in whatever she is doing and passes along that enthusiasm.

Sarah is also an exceptional business leader. She started her own company, dornink, with her mother in 2005. They opened their store in the east village in 2008. Their store was one of the early ones in the area that really brought quality retail to the East Village, which is now an amazing retail destination for the Des Moines Metro area. She has designed clothing for some of Iowa's most prominent people and she has earned that honor not only because of her design but because she is reliable and honest.

Sarah is a leader in both the professional and civic community of Des Moines and would be a great addition to this year's Forty Under 40 honorees.

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