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To Whom It May Concern:

It is an honor to write a letter in support of Angela Kruse's nomination to the 2018 Forty Under 40 class. Angela embodies what it means to be a young leader in our community, through her work, her civic engagement, and her values.

I have had the opportunity to work with Angela as a volunteer for our weekend grief camps and in her role on our advisory board. Working with volunteers can be challenging, but without fail, Angela is consistent, compassionate in all that she does, shows leadership in every role that she takes, and gives her whole heart. In our weekend camps, she works predominantly with our teens, a tough group to work with many times. Angela radiates positivity and is a role model not only for the teens, but also for her peers—I see just about every other volunteer throughout the weekend going to her for advice and guidance.

Angela's commitment to improving the community can be seen not only in the work she does with Amanda the Panda, but in her involvement with Dress for Success, the Greater Des Moines Community Leadership Institute, and in her work providing homes to wounded veterans.

Amanda the Panda is lucky to have Angela as an advocate, and I feel personally very lucky to work alongside her. She represents all of the values you are looking for in a Forty Under 40 recipient, and would make a great addition to this year's class.

Sincerely,

Mollie Giller

Director

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