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*Preventing Adolescent Pregnancies & Strengthening Young Families*

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Forty under Forty Committee Members:

I work for an organization called Together For Youth located in Waterloo, IA with the mission to work collaboratively to improve adolescent sexual health outcomes and strengthen young families. Through our work we reach around 10,000 middle school and high school age youth with age appropriate adolescent sexual health programming in classrooms across Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, and Tama counties. Together For Youth has a team of Certified Health Educators with a combined experience of over 35 years in the adolescent sexual health field that provide this programming.

Together For Youth is also a proud partner of EyesOpenIowa organization which is the state of Iowa's adolescent sexual health coalition working with Iowa communities to provide young people with comprehensive sexual health information and services to make healthy and informed decisions about sex and relationships. EyesOpenIowa includes nationally recognized staff that provide curriculum and topic based trainings to Health Educators across the state on age-appropriate, medically accurate and factual sexuality education for youth. EyesOpenIowa developed a nationally recognized Certified Sexual Health Education Academy. One of these nationally recognized staff is Emily Miller who is EyesOpenIowa's Training and Education Coordinator. Emily leads the Certified Sexual Health Academy. Together For Youth Health Educators have completed this renowned training academy to become Certified Educators themselves, with Emily Miller leading these trainings and workshops with our staff. Together For Youth is very proud to support a nomination for Emily to be named a professional 40 under 40! In asking our Health Educators how they would describe Emily the following words were used:

**\*\*Innovative**

**\*\*Modern**

**\*\*Avant-Garde**

**\*\*Strategic**

**\*\*Original**

**\*\*Inventive**

Emily has worked with our team to customize and develop trainings to meet the specific needs of our students in the Cedar Valley. Emily is building a network of Certified Health Educators across Iowa to ensure Iowa youth are given the most up-to-date, accurate sexual health information so they can be confident in making informed and healthy decisions.

We thank Emily for her leadership she has taken with Iowa youth to ensure our young people are successful and healthy.

Sincerely, Brooke Olson (Together For Youth)

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