

Don and I have know Blair since she was born. We have watched her grow up into a beautiful young woman. Blair is a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Des Moines and Iowa State University in Ames. While in high school she was on the swim team, and to this day she teaches private swimming lessons to youth. She was a good student and active in many extra curricular activities. Everyone in the school knew Blair, as she was so sweet, kind, caring and full of life. She has charm and charisma, and upon meeting people for the first time, they become her friend. She lights up a room with her magnetic, bubbling personality.

After graduating Iowa State, Blair worked for two years at a non-profit, Candeo. She helped to develop their annual fundraising event and it became a highly successful event. Within two years of working and developing that event, the organization had name recognition in Des Moines. As development director, she set up activities for the clients to attend other community events and they also participated in sporting events that had not been available to them before Blair set up these programs.

Upon receiving a job offer to work at Amanda the Panda, she left Candeo, and started in a new position. She was instrumental in raising funds and awareness for this program. She is such a warm and welcoming personality; people just gravitate to her. She is conscientious and a hard worker. Her work days only end when she is satisfied with the effort that she has put into her job. Blair works well with others and listens and values others opinions. Although Blair is young, she would be a valuable member of the Forty Under Forty. We consider Blair a very close friend of ours and we admire her tenacity and zest for life. Thank you for considering Blair for this honor.

Don and Margo Blumenthal