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When I was asked to write a nomination for Amanda Nuzum for the 40 Under 40, I had no hesitation in saying “Yes!”

Amanda and I became acquainted many years ago through the Mid Iowa Planned Giving Council. Amanda was young, relatively speaking to the rest of us, and she was quite inquisitive. She was eager to learn all she could and wanted to dig right in and become a part of the infrastructure of the membership group. This was unlike many of the other young members. Many were very content with simply attending meetings and being social. Not Amanda. She truly wanted to be a part of the organization. And she was and is, serving in various board positons over the years.

This drive and desire to know more has never diminished in Amanda’s professional or personal life. She brings a can do attitude to everything she does. Her ability to make anyone, and I do mean anyone, feel important and meaningful is unlike anything I’ve seen from others. Amanda is genuine.

Her career has stretched her across a number of not for profit groups. Each one left in a better place then when she started. Most would tell you she started in a particular positon and soon was able to pull in duties from other positions that were vacant or could no longer be funded. All done with the can do attitude and ability to raise the bar yet again.

I could go on about her professional career but a glance at or in depth look at her resume tells the whole story. What you don’t see is what she does in her “off” time. The three beautiful children and wonderful husband she has. The strong family she has built with her husband, and all that she does within our greater community where she doesn’t get a pay check!

You don’t have to look far to see the imprint she has left on her children’s school, her church, with her neighbors and her friends. We are a better community for having Amanda Nuzum in it. Each of the positions she has held she has helped each become better organizations because of her time with them. Her children and family are better because she is a part of that fabric. Her friends are better people because of what Amanda brings to those relationships.

The 40 Under 40 recognition was created to celebrate the careers and lives of our young professionals like Amanda. I am honored to have worked with and become a friend of Amanda Nuzum. I hope you will share her story and her tremendous talents and characteristics with the rest of greater Des Moines as well. We will all be better because of it!

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