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I am honored to write a letter of recommendation for Amanda Nuzum for the Business Record’s Forty Under 40.

Amanda and I worked together on the Development team at Easter Seals Iowa for four years. Her passion and dedication to our mission was a true asset to the organization, and inspired the people she interacted with in the community to support the mission. Amanda is extremely professional, organized and driven. She is not afraid to think outside the box and take risks. She is one of the first non-profit professionals to join a BNI (Business Networking International) group in Iowa. This membership that she started for Easter Seals Iowa continues to date, and resulted in one of our largest individual donors, as well as numerous event sponsors and other supporters. She didn’t just attend the BNI meetings, she was actively engaged in the group, taking on several leadership roles including a year as President of the chapter. Amanda also started and built our planned giving program, which will support and ensure the long term health of the organization. Although Amanda left Easter Seals Iowa, her support of the mission continues through sharing of her time, talent and treasure.

Amanda’s passion for supporting people with disabilities in Iowa continues through her board membership on Mid-Iowa Planned Giving Council. She also served on the board of Disability Rights Iowa for four years. Her service on these boards is because she is truly committed to their missions and because it is the right thing to do.

Amanda’s family and faith are a top priority in her life. She is a dedicated wife and mother of three adorable boys. She is actively involved in her church, teaching Sunday school and singing in the choir.

I highly recommend Amanda for Forty Under 40 recognition. She is a leader in our community, actively giving back in numerous arenas, and will continue to make our community a stronger and more inclusive one for all.

Sincerely,

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