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To the Forty Under 40 Review Panel:

As a member of the 2012 Forty Under 40 Class, it is with great pleasure that I join in nominating Sarah Welch for the Class of 2019.

As Strategic Communications Officer at United Way of Central Iowa, Sarah is one of our community's key *connectors* – always focused on creating opportunities, inviting community engagement and fostering intersections that make greater Des Moines an even better place to live.

Her commitment to the future and vitality of our community and to bringing voice to those who often do not have one, has been evident in her professional and volunteer roles. Sarah is frequently the person sharing the stories of our most vulnerable neighbors – compelling us all to step deeper into the needs of our community.

Sarah has a gift of drawing individuals into the fabric of what makes our community great. Integrity, passion, vision, loyalty, collaboration and hard work ethic are just a handful of the words I would use to describe Sarah. She takes this spirit of opportunity and action out into her community, generously contributing her time, expertise, and talent to organizations and issues she cares deeply about.

I hope you will consider naming Sarah Welch a member of the Forty Under 40 Class of 2019. Her professional accomplishments and civic dedication make her the ideal candidate.

Sincerely, Suzanne Mineck Suzanne Mineck President

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