Date: January 10, 2019

To: Brooke Benschoter;

From: Simon Dak

Regarding: Leslie Olson Nomination for Forty under Forty

Four year ago Leslie Olson joined Oakridge Neighborhood as special project/Vista.

Leslie Olson made a lot of connection that lift up many residences who been open up for conversation in Oakridge campus. Leslie knows how to communicate with residence even though they don’t know English. Also Leslie made impact through ESL program and special project that she began with small number of refugee that became Oakridge ESL class day and night in the Oakridge community room. I nominating or recommending Leslie who deeply committed helping people in their daily life for the award.  Leslie brought much conversation that engage different people in the community through Des Moines area and as well as outside of Des Moines. Leslie created volunteer soccer tournament for all refugee who came from different country who came as refugee.

Here why is Leslie qualified to award for her volunteer work she know how to connected the dot when people walk into our door at Oakridge neighborhood and not only people who residences at Oakridge.

 In the lobby desk weather a youth Department ,housing department , adult family department and work readiness  Leslie  dedication of helping ordinary people is one of her most valuable and beyond her involvement here at campus and outside Oakridge.

In conclusion Leslie still continues impress me every day of her dedication of work ethic of helping people.  Thank you if you have question please here is my number 515-975-3155

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