Chris Gardner

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**I nominate Chris Gardner for the Business Record 40 under 40. Chris Gardner is a well-rounded, highly respected community member. His leadership is highlighted in his five successful businesses: Bella Homes, MR Storage, Extreme Concrete, MR Properties, and Volta Winds Fish Farm. His compassion is shown by his numerous trips overseas to develop relationships with locals, while using his gifts to build schools and medical facilities. He has provided housing for all income levels. His drive is shown by how he has persisted and developed housing communities in the City of Ames, Huxley, and Ankeny. His family and community involvement is highlighted by how he supports his children’s activities and the Ballard Education Foundation in Huxley. I know it is hard to fully capture his character on one page of a cover letter, so my hope is that this second time of nominating my husband, you will recognize what I see in him everyday.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

**Kris Gardner, married 15 years.**