



Fighting Muscle Disease

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To whom it may concern,

It is a great pleasure to be writing this recommendation for Mike Billings. I have known him for about four years, and know what an exceptional person he is. His personality and good character make for an outstanding candidate for 40 Under 40.

Four years ago, I was helping plan yet another successful Fall Fundraiser Event, and was so excited to sit down and meet with Mike about growing this event. Mike and his business partner the previous year had put together their own fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and raised an amazing \$8,000, completely on their own. So, in this first meeting to sit down with Mike and talk with him on his plans for this event was one of the most exciting meetings I have been a part of. Mike had so many ideas, of ways to change the event, grow the event, make the event bigger and better year after year. And that is just what has happened! Mike takes time out of his personal life to help raise funds for MDA, by planning an event that has now doubled in income raised, and also doubled in attendance. Mike also has a strong presence in the community with participating in different walks to raise awareness for different life threatening diseases, and with his hard work for his company.

Mike has a contagious personality and is a very driven person who cares about the people he's helping. I'm sure the memories he has created with the Fall Fundraiser will last him a life time. The four years Mike has spent on this event, and meeting different families that we serve will definitely have an impact on him and his future. Mike is a tremendous person that I am lucky to know, and is absolutely deserving of being awarded 40 Under 40!

Sincerely,

Danielle Etter
Executive Director
Muscular Dystrophy Association