

January 8, 2015

40 Under 40 Selection Committee  
Business Publications Corporation  
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Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Selection Committee,

It is my honor to strongly recommend Chase Young for selection as a 2015 40 Under 40 honoree.

Chase has progressed through his career as an entrepreneur, educator, nonprofit professional and mentor to youth in our community. In his role as Director of United Way's Education Leadership Initiative (ELI), Chase rallies central Iowa professionals to donate their dollars, volunteer and service to help middle school youth succeed academically and personally. Under his leadership, ELI has grown to over 700 members, annually raising over one million dollars to support this important work.

Before coming to United Way in June 2013, Chase was Community Schools coordinator for Des Moines Public Schools. In this role, he marshaled community-wide support to ensure the success of youth from Des Moines' lower-income neighborhoods in the North High feeder school network. He built partnerships between DMPS and nonprofits, businesses, service organizations and civic groups.

In the community, Chase is a ninth grade football coach at North High School, served on the North High and Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates advisory boards, has volunteered for the Children's Cancer Connection and has been a member of the Johnston Chamber of Commerce. He is president-elect of the Johnston Rotary Club, and is a graduate and past curriculum committee member of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute.

In addition to his strong commitments as a nonprofit leader and volunteer, he operates a small business to rehabilitate distressed properties so that families may purchase safe, clean, affordable homes.

Chase Young makes outstanding contributions to our community. His entrepreneurial spirit, positive energy and commitment to youth will pay dividends for generations to come.

Please accept this letter as a strong recommendation for Chase to be recognized as a Forty under Forty honoree.

Sincerely,



Mary B. Sellers  
President