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The Women of Influence Awards Selection Committee
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To the Women of Influence Selection Committee,

I am writing this letter to wholeheartedly recommend Dr. Nicole Gilg Gachiani for the Business Record's Emerging Woman of Influence Award. While I recognize that traditionally recipients of this award have come from a corporate sector, I have the privilege of working with Dr. Gilg Gachiani at Broadlawns Medical Center, and her genuine dedication to ensuring that high quality healthcare is accessible to everyone in the community is truly extraordinary. Having earned her college degree from the University Notre Dame and her medical degree and master's degree in public health from Tulane University, Dr. Gilg Gachiani could have chosen to establish her medical career in private practice or at a large medical system, but she very deliberately chose to embark upon a medical career of service in coming to Broadlawns Medical Center.

Dr. Gilg Gachiani has demonstrated leadership from the early onset of her professional career as she was named the Section Chief for the Broadlawns Primary Care Clinic when she was only 29 years old. In this capacity, Dr. Gilg Gachiani oversees a clinic that attends to the healthcare needs of more than 25,000 patients annually. The patient population is largely comprised of the community's most at-risk individuals who have historically faced access barriers to healthcare due to socio-economic factors and/or cultural differences. Under Dr. Gilg Gachiani's leadership, the Broadlawns Primary Care Clinic proudly serves the largest volume of refugees in the state of Iowa. She is a respected leader amongst her peers and serves on the Broadlawns Medical Executive Board and was designated as the physician liaison for a recent upgrade of the hospital's electronic medical record system.

As an up-and-coming thought leader in the healthcare community, Dr. Gilg Gachiani was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Iowa Board of Medicine where she has chaired two governance committees. She serves on numerous healthcare boards and lends her recommendations for ways to effectively facilitate access to healthcare and address social determinants of health. She serves as an adjunct educator for the University Of Iowa Carver College Of Medicine and at Des Moines University. As a volunteer, Dr. Gilg Gachiani practices at the Free Clinics of Iowa and recently was a caregiver physician on a climb of Mount Kilimanjaro for Above and Beyond Cancer.

Dr. Gilg Gachiani personifies all of the attributes you admire in an effective leader. She thoughtfully inserts herself into discussions and lends credible insights as to how systems and policies can improve the lives of others. She is respectful and interested in learning from others. With complete professionalism and genuine compassion, she assists individuals and families as they navigate significant health considerations and challenging life circumstances.

What is most remarkable about Dr. Gilg Gachiani is how she gracefully balances her professional and community involvements while still prioritizing her role as a loving and involved wife and mother. She has a broad and warm smile for everyone she meets, and she is readily available to assist with whatever situation is presented to her. She exudes kindness and debunks the notion that you have to fight your way to the top as she is ascending the ranks in her field with compassion and benevolence.

I truly believe that there is no one more deserving of the Emerging Woman of Influence recognition than Dr. Nicole Gilg Gachiani. She is already making a meaningful difference, and she will continue to advocate for the health and betterment of everyone in our community.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Wengert". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katie" written in a larger, more prominent style than the last name "Wengert".

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