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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is my pleasure to recommend Abbie Benge for the Business Record's 2018 Emerging Women of Influence Award.

I serve as the Secretary of the Board of Directors for the local non-profit, Do More Iowa, which Abbie is the Executive Director and founder of.

I thoroughly enjoy working with Abbie on the many community projects Do More Iowa is involved with. These projects focus on three areas, including youth development, animal rescue, and cancer research. Abbie is diligent, motivated, and inspired to find ways to partner with various existing non-profits in Central Iowa and assist with event planning and fundraising efforts so those non-profits are able to focus on their specific missions.

Before Abbie officially founded Do More Iowa, she organized a fundraising walk for AHeinz57, a local animal rescue. Her perseverance in single handedly organizing such a large, successful event inspired me to get involved in Do More Iowa. Working with Abbie on many projects, from learning how to create a non-profit from the ground floor, to partnering with Campfire Iowa for numerous local youth events, Abbie has always been focused and passionate about elevating others and their causes. Her thorough research and devotion has lead Do More Iowa to seeing successes in the early stages of the organization.

Abbie is always the first to offer help and ideas to anyone in need. She is present at all Do More Iowa events, and volunteers with many other non-profit events in the Des Moines area, all while working a full time job and taking classes to receive her Masters Degree in Public Administration with her emphasis Non-Profit Management. She is ardent in her support of local non-profits and an inspiration to all that know her. No matter how many things she has on her plate, she maintains her friendly, pleasant, and helpful demeanor.

Without a doubt, I confidently recommend Abbie Benge to be honored with Business Record's 2018 Emerging Women of Influence Award. As a woman dedicated to helping all those in need by starting a non-profit of her own, I believe that she is exactly the caliber of person deserving of such an award.

Please feel free to contact me at laura.e.maris@gmail.com or (515) 770-6008 should you like to discuss Abbie Benge's qualifications and experience further. I'd be happy to expand on my recommendation.

Best wishes,

Laura Maris