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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that we recommend Renee Raap for the Meredith Emerging Woman of Influence Award. Renee has been volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House in a variety of capacities for several years. With an extraordinary passion for our mission, she is a powerful advocate for the House and one of our key volunteers.

Renee is a loyal, reliable and enthusiastic volunteer. She started as a Relief Manager and has regularly volunteered on the weekends, evenings and holidays since 2009. A Relief Manager is entrusted to relieve the staff when we are unavailable. When we opened a second location inside Mercy Hospital in 2011, she was one of the first to volunteer in that location in addition to the responsibilities she already had at the House.

In 2012, she joined nine other colleagues to launch a young professionals organization called the Red Shoe Society that supports the Ronald McDonald House and continues to serve on its Board of Directors as the Service Committee Chair. Recognizing the value she brings to our organization, we named Renee the Volunteer of the Year in 2012, a well-deserved award acknowledging her consistent service and incredible commitment to the Ronald McDonald House.

In addition to everything above, she has volunteered at almost every major fundraising event in the past four years. She is always willing to help, always asking if there is something she can do, and is there for us if we are ever in a bind. We know she will continue to be respectful and appreciative with our donors, kind and compassionate with our families, and set a great example for future volunteers.

Renee is an outstanding individual and will undoubtedly be an invaluable asset to any organization lucky enough to have her on board.

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Sincerely,

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