

June 3, 2014

Women of Influence Selection Committee
Business Publications Corp.
100 4th Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Emilee Richardson

Dear Selection Committee:

We are writing on behalf of Emilee Richardson as a nominee for the 2014 Emerging Woman of Influence award.

We have had the great pleasure to work with Emilee over the past several years as she has served in various leadership positions with the Partnership's Young Professional Connection. Over the past two years, as President-Elect and now President, Emilee has led the organization to a new level of professionalism, participation, community awareness and community engagement. She has been the key lead on the Strategic Visioning and Planning process that YPC has undergone in the past year. I have been particularly impressed with Emilee's inclusive leadership style. She keeps the organization on goal while encouraging and respecting the role of each team member.

Another impressive aspect of Emilee is her maturity. Not only in the way she presents herself, but in her ability to identify and assess all aspects and ramifications of key decisions. We value her opinions as they are always well thought out and take into account all sides and resulting impacts.

Emilee's enthusiasm and positive attitude spread through to all who work with her. No matter what the task, when you work with Emilee it is guaranteed to be fun and rewarding. It is also guaranteed to be completed in a timely, effective manner.

We believe Emilee is one of those "shining stars" who is and will continue to be a leader in our community. She constantly strives for growth in herself and those around her; therefore, we believe would be an excellent recipient of this award. Thank you for your consideration of Emilee Richardson.

Sincerely,



Mary C. Bontrager
Executive Vice President



Jessica L. Maldonado
Program Manager

