

June 25, 2015

Sages Over 70
Nominations Committee
100 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

To the committee:

Dawn Roberts is one of the most respected women I know. I first had the privilege of meeting Dawn when she took a job as Development Director with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in the early 1980s. I was serving on the Board at the time. During her tenure, she developed two major fundraisers, never before done in Des Moines: Art for Alex and the Tennis Auction Ball. Both far exceeded our expectations, and Dawn proceeded to put Iowa's CF Chapter on the map.

She has an uncanny ability to recruit and bring people together for a worthy cause. Dawn brings humility, energy and devotion to every cause in which she gets involved. She never had to look for a job, but became highly recruited because of her outstanding reputation.

Because of our involvement together with Cystic Fibrosis, Dawn became a dear friend and confidante. I had many more exceptional experiences working with her at Children and Families of Iowa, Red Cross Committee for Heroes of the Heartland and AIB's Monroe Colston Scholarship Dinner.

I consider it an honor to work with Dawn and feel she would be very deserving of receiving the Sages Over 70 award.

Sincerely,

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