



DES MOINES AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, INC.

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TO Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to nominate John McRoberts for Sages over 70. As soon as I was asked I didn't question it, John has been a great mentor for me. John McRoberts has been a REALTOR member with the Des Moines Area Association of REALTORS® since April 1978 as broker of American Home Sales. The stories I have heard from older members about the good ole days and how brokers would work out problems by just sitting across the room and hash them out were interesting times and John sat is a lot of rooms from what I have heard. Getting to the heart of the issues and brokering the deals to unify the association.

The Des Moines Area Association of REALTORS (DMAAR) was in a law suit with a Vendor who couldn't deliver a product, they won. The award was a lot of money and a decision needed to be made what to do with this money, as the money needed to benefit the members and not just one or two brokers in the association. John came up with the idea of DMAAR starting its own Foundation. The board of directors didn't take long to see and approve that idea. The Foundation was started late 1999, the mission is to improve the housing opportunities in the Des Moines area, the education of the housing opportunities available and the research of those opportunities. To date the Foundation has given over \$450,000 to local charities throughout the Des Moines area.

John just happens to serve as the DMAAR Foundation President for the past several years, with his passion for Des Moines, housing opportunities and his financial insight, the Foundation is thriving! John has served on so many committees over the years for DMAAR it's hard to list. His passion for finances has led the Foundation and the Association to maintain a healthy balance budget with reserves, something he is very proud of. Personally, he has taught me so much about being a leader and stepping up for what is right.

I hope you will consider John! Thank you very much!

Cindy Pelz, RCE
Executive Officer