



Tuesday, June 28, 2016

TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: C. Edward Brown, CEO  
The Iowa Clinic

RE: Mariann Clark  
2016 Sages Over 70

I am honored to write a letter of nomination for Ms. Mariann Clark. I have known her since I arrived in town in 1994 and began my position as CEO of The Iowa Clinic. Our physicians have interacted and worked with Marianne on numerous occasions in her role at Methodist Medical Center, Iowa Health System and now Unity Point Health – Des Moines. It is my hope you will afford Mariann your highest level of consideration for the 2016 Sages Over 70 award.

It's very appropriate to say Mariann is an institution at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. She dedicated the past 40 years to recruiting top notch physician talent to the community, and just recently decided to slow down. As our physicians worked closely with Mariann, they have often used words like organized, advocate, gracious and supportive to describe her. She does an exceptional job partnering with physicians during the recruitment process showing the best that Des Moines has to offer, helping their families get settled in, and staying in contact with them long after they arrive and begin their practice.

In addition to her responsibilities as a physician recruiter, Mariann is responsible for many events for medical staff and executives at the hospital. She has a reputation for exceeding expectations at holiday parties, corporate retreats, golf outings and galas. Her signature touch and attention to detail are always evident.

Mariann is a class act. It's been great to watch her finish her career with the same amount of passion, energy and drive that she started with in 1976. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of an award that recognizes an individual for consistently demonstrating leadership through the decades.