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Sages Over 70
100 4th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

RE: Jody Reynolds

Dear Selection Committee:

It is our distinct pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Jody Reynolds for her nomination of the Sages Over 70 recognition.

Jody has been a four decade-long supporter of Blank Children's Hospital and children in general. Her wisdom comes with the recognition that investment in children makes a life-long difference while having such a positive multi-generational impact on families. Jody's first interaction with Blank Children's Hospital philanthropically, was through the purchase of rocking chairs for our nursery. This gesture was truly done with family-centered care in mind which is our mission at Blank Children's.

Jody's commitment for children is not just here in Iowa but also internationally, recognizing that we are all part of one world and are truly interconnected. Jody has fostered support for all kinds of children's organizations through her work for Variety – The Children's Charity that spans the entire United States and other multiple countries. We are so fortunate to have her in our community, as she is truly one of our biggest champions.

One of the remarks we've heard Jody say many times when she comes on a tour at the hospital is that she always strives to learn something that she has not heard before. While her 40-plus years of support are remarkable in and of itself, it is even more telling that she is seeking to learn and understand what services we provide, what needs there are and what role she can play to fill those needs. She truly epitomizes the definition of a sage individual.

It is not often that a relationship develops with a community volunteer that spans over such a long period of time. We count our blessings that we have the kind of relationship with Jody and are so thankful for the wisdom, time, effort and energy she has invested in us for so long.

We recommend without hesitation that Jody Reynolds receive the Sages Over 70 nomination and look forward to you adding her to an already illustrious list of people who have received this recognition.

Very Truly Yours,

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David Stark, FACHE
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