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Dear Sages over 70 Selection Committee:

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter in support for Rosalie Gallagher's nomination for the 2018 Sages over 70 Award.

I first met Rosalie some 40 years ago when our children were quite young. At that time she was very involved with a new concept for play grounds at a grade school in the Des Moines Area. She was 'chief cook and bottle washer' at Greenwood Elementary for that project – fund raising --- design --- volunteers --- and supervising construction – I can remember thinking at that time --- Wow, what a woman.

During the next years I watched her work with and for The Friendship Force --- The Talented and Gifted Program --- The Des Moines Art Center, The Des Moines Community Playhouse --- events for and in honor of Jackie and Myron Blank --- fundraising for Youth and Shelter Services of Iowa.

I really got to know Rosalie in 1993, the year of the 'great flood of Des Moines'. During that time Variety of Iowa was lucky to have Rosalie cast her eye on us and us on her. Variety of Iowa is a show business charity and in many ways Rosalie is show business with her flare, her style, her fundraising skills, her management skills. It was a perfect fit. Rosalie jumped into Variety with both feet. She soon was on the Executive Committee, chaired a Telethon panel (all women) that raised over \$5,275,739 since its inception 22 years ago. She also became involved with Variety International and there too she soon rose to leadership positions – 1st as an International Ambassador, then International Vice President, one of 15 worldwide.

Rosalie Gallagher is a leader, a doer, a fundraiser and a very good friend. She has been wonderful to me and my family and I know she would there for us if we needed her.

With great love and respect to Rosalie Gallagher,

Jody Reynolds