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Leadership Dayton Awards Committee

Subject: Award Nomination for Leadership Dayton Volunteer of the Year: Devon Stinson

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Dear Awards Committee,

I am writing to enthusiastically nominate Devon Stinson for the Leadership Dayton Volunteer of the Year award. Devon's exceptional dedication and remarkable contributions as a vital volunteer board member at We Care Arts truly embody the spirit of this award. Through her unwavering commitment and exemplary leadership, she has significantly enhanced the quality of life in the greater Dayton community.

Devon's lifelong commitment to volunteer community leadership is evident in her outstanding volunteerism at We Care Arts. As the Executive Committee Board Secretary and a member of the Board Communications Committee, she has consistently demonstrated an exemplary work ethic, attention to detail, an ability to provide leadership during the "difficult discussions" as well as the happy ones, and a deep sense of responsibility. Devon's proactive approach to her duties has not only streamlined board operations as I was onboarding into my new role but has also set an inspiring precedent for her fellow board members.

Devon's commitment extends far beyond her board responsibilities. Her enthusiastic participation in various We Care Arts events showcases her exceptional dedication. Her involvement in not one but three event planning committees underscores her commitment to realizing our mission and fostering a sense of community engagement while truly helping us to amplify our message as a community advocate. Along with actively contributing to our fundraising events, she is just as likely to be present at our in-house gatherings, such as our Thanksgiving Celebration, creating an atmosphere of inclusivity, equity, and camaraderie. Devon specifically makes a point of not "just being seen," but rather of being here for our artist-clients and staff striving to ensure that THEY are the ones being seen, heard, and appreciated for who they are as individuals.

Notably, Devon's hands-on approach stands out as a testament to her dedication. One example of this is when Devon volunteered to be a featured Visiting Artist. The Visiting Artist initiative is designed for our clients to encourage them to learn new art skills while forging meaningful connections with community artists. I was thrilled when Devon agreed to serve as a Visiting Artist for a special pop-up class. This handmade branded t-shirt class was a hit, almost as much as Devon who was a skilled and compassionate instructor that day. Additionally, this hands-on approach was evident when she offered her expertise in Marketing and Design to help us revitalize our Annual Reports, elevating their visual appeal and professionalism. Devon's willingness to contribute her unique skills exemplifies her commitment to our organization's growth and continuous improvement.

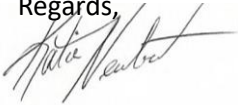


Devon's collaborative spirit shines through in all her interactions with me as the Executive Director, who counts on her Board Guidance and advice, as well as our artist-clients and staff. She has repeatedly and consistently exhibited exceptional teamwork, fostering an environment of mutual respect and shared goals. Her interactions demonstrate her embrace of diversity and her dedication to serving all individuals with dignity and respect.

In summary, Devon Stinson's accomplishments and contributions to We Care Arts, the greater Dayton community, and her commitment to volunteer community leadership are truly exceptional. Her proactive approach, dedication to excellence, collaborative mindset, and respect for diversity make her an outstanding candidate for the Leadership Dayton Volunteer of the Year award. Her passion for enhancing the lives of others and her commitment to continuous growth reflect the values upheld by this esteemed recognition. Therefore, I am happy to **wholeheartedly endorse Devon Stinson for the Leadership Dayton Volunteer of the Year award**. Her contributions have left an indelible mark on our organization and community, and she is an exceptional embodiment of the qualities this award seeks to honor.

Thank you for considering this nomination. Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Neubert', written in a cursive style.

Katie Neubert
Executive Director