To: Willard Community Center

From: Michele Lueders

RE: Willard Community Center, Board of Director Position

To whom it may concern;

I wanted to express my interest in serving on the Willard Community Center Board of Directors. My name is Michele Lueders and I am the proud parent of two amazing young people. I came to Lincoln in the mid-90's to work on my undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska Lincoln, which I completed in 2000. I met my significant other and began my family shortly thereafter.

I began my professional career working for CEDARS YOUTH Services before starting at th Department of Health and Human Services as a Children & Family Service Worker. I have a desire and passion to work with kids and families to ensure the best outcomes. I continued to work for DHHS for almost 10 years until I made a career change to the Administrative Offices of Probation. I current work specifically within the Administrative Office of Probation, Juvenile Services to help develop potential legislation, policies and trainings to ensure the youth in the State of Nebraska are served effectively and appropriately.

In the past, I have served as a Big Brother, Big Sister while in college and most recently was matched with a Teammate through the Beatrice Teammate program. I have also been active with my children's various school activities, such as volunteer coaching and active with the Lincoln Southeast Band Boosters.

I have wanted to become more engaged in our community and have been searching for the right opportunity to do so. Having both of my children participate in Willard Community programming and seeing the positive impacts not only in my children but the other children who have participated in Willard programming, makes me feel this is the right fit for me. I want to ensure Willard Community Center continues to be a resource for families and young people in the Lincoln Community, by having the opportunity to share my experience will allow for continued growth and development.

I look forward to hearing from you and the opportunity to serve the Lincoln Community within this capacity as a Board Member for Willard Community Center.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.