From: Richard Buck [mailto Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 11:01 PM

To: Chambers, Jason **Subject:** Amber Buck

Mr. Chambers:

First, I want to thank you for your help in the past. I am writing you again to ask for your help for my daughter
Amber. she has tried to limit my stress so she is not aware that I am sending this to you.
I am requesting that you please examine her circumstances that led to her upcoming court case where she has
been linked to the was convicted and sentenced to DOC. (I thank you for that).
Amber had briefly lived with him after her break up with her son's father. She was not aware of his addiction
issues
The following is
an overview of the wonderful positives she is doing to change her life, for herself and her children. I believe you
will agree that these types of voluntary efforts are not the typical endeavors made to impress the court, but are truly from the heart.

- Amber signed up to be a volunteer with Dove, Inc. to work with Domestic Violence survivors (this organization is out of Decatur)
- Volunteered to serve as a mentor at the Family Community Resource Center to work with women who are getting out of a domestically violent relationship and are associated with open DCFS cases.
- She recognized a need to mentor women that have recently become involved in a DCFS case. She created a packet of information designed to help connect them to the resources they need to serve as a guide to help them work in conjunction with DCFS to become a responsible parent. Her packet was so impressive that it is currently being shared by counselors at Chestnut and at the Family Community Resource Center. Both are distributing them to the individuals in need of this vital information.
- She is currently working on a packet to provide to individuals to help serve as guidance in the initial traumatic period when their children are removed and put into State custody. This packet will help reduce the impact on the parents and will reduce the information requests directed at DCFS in dealing with the new stressed parents.
- Amber is also participating in a women's group that is a Secure class for victims of domestic violence

- She is taking Yoga classes at Four Seasons and participating in a program called Challenge for Change a focus on improving both the mind and body's health.
- She has an excellent full time job at an accounting firm working as a bookkeeper. Her responsibilities include maintaining the payroll, accounts payables, cash journals, filing state and federal tax deposits, etc. for five companies. Her employer has pledged his full support for Amber including allowing her to work and attend Heartland Community College to obtain her Associates in Arts by 2018 and then to ISU for her Bachelors in Accounting. She has received two pay raises since she started work and is doing job the company was paying two full time employees to do. This is not just a job, she has a career.

Amber was raised in a loving close family and has a good heart. She has a wonderful support system with her 4 brothers and sisters and my wife and me. She will continue with her volunteer work because her desire to help others is sincere. She was raised working with our non-profit corporation Project Share we operated for 11 years prior to moving to Bloomington. Please help her to continue with her life as a wonderful mother, daughter, sister, and aunt, as well as her first opportunity at a career that includes the benefit of getting a degree. Amber will succeed in providing a home for her children and helping others by serving as an example of what you can accomplish once you break away from an abusive relationship. All her counselors have stated they will provide you with the documentation to support the fact she is on a very positive track and each sincerely believe she will continue. Going to prison at this point would be contrary to her potential success; she just needs the chance to prove it. Please, I am respectfully begging you to not judge her on the past but to grant her a future and help her continue to succeed. That is our daily prayer.

Thank you for all you have done for our community. I pray that you agree granting Amber another chance will be helping the community by adding a compassionate asset to the benefit of the community.

Respectfully, Richard Buck

Sent from my iPhone