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CITY OF WORCESTER
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Name of Nominee: Daniel Cahill

Regarding the Nomination of Daniel Cahill for the Thomas Green Award

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great honor that I nominate Daniel Cahill for the Thomas Green Award. I had the pleasure of going out with the Quality of Life Team which Dan leads soon after I started my job in the city. This team does incredible outreach to our community. I have never seen anything like this team in our city. Their worked with the homeless, those suffering with addiction, and mental health disease has been incredible to see. I was so impressed with how they brought people into drug detoxification or hospitals for treatment. How they worked with housing agencies to get people into housing and most of all how they cared about our community, and helping those that are marginalized. They picked up needles so that our community is not exposed to them. They removed items that were an eyesore to our neighborhoods, such as tires, furniture, etc. Just to name a few. This changes how our community feels about their neighborhoods and makes them feel like people care and have not abandoned them.

Dan is an amazing leader, who inspires his team, and brings the best out of everyone. His compassion and love for what he does is palpable. Dan Cahill is a proactive, responsible worker and a great asset to our city. He is always encouraging those around him and always willing to help. He rallies people together for a common cause and is committed to helping others. Dan is always eager to learn new things and jumps into new assignments with enthusiasm, even when it could be at night, weekends or any time of the day. On cold nights he was seen with his team outreaching the homeless and bringing them in to the overflow shelter and making sure they were safe. Even though his background isn't in human services, he has learned to be a social worker, case manager, and advocate for those in need of

help. He has taken these issues to heart because of his love for our city and our community. I consider Dan a great, coworker, friend and a true public servant.

Dan graduated Worcester State University in May 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in History, yet he had been working at the City of Worcester since 1999, where he worked at the Department of Public Works / Department of Health & Code in the Grime Watch Task Force where he resolved vandalism issues in conjunction with the Worcester Police Department and other local agencies till 2005. He then worked June 2005 till March 2007 as a sanitary inspector, all under the department of inspectional services and in March 2007 he was promoted to Senior Sanitary inspector-Housing Division, and in 2015 he became the lead for the Quality of Life Team for the City Of Worcester where he deals with problem properties, homeless encampments, parks, needles, and other community concerns.

This team that Dan has helped create under his leadership has had an incredible impact in our community. I am truly grateful for all he does; our city would not be the same without his leadership and passion for serving others. It is with great pride that I highly recommend Daniel Cahill for the Thomas Greene award.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matilde Castiel MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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