

# NEEDHAM YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

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## Patrick and Patricia Forde Good Person Memorial Award

### Background:

The Forde Memorial Award is an award that celebrates Needham residents who inspire others through their impact on the community and who serve as shining examples of selflessness. This award pays tribute to Patrick and Patricia Forde, who moved to Needham in 1985 and proudly raised their three children in this community.

This award was first started in 2006 by Patricia Forde whose husband Patrick Forde, a community activist, unexpectedly passed away at the age of 51. Patrick was truly a good person who loved the town of Needham and the youth and families who live here. His community involvement included being a Town Meeting member as well as the Commissioner of Trust Funds. Patrick was extremely supportive of the work of the Needham Youth and Family Services and understood the importance of families and of the healthy growth of youth. Patrick had the ability to connect with people from all walks of life with his warm, compassionate and engaging personality.

In 2018, after four years of bravely fighting breast cancer, Patricia passed away peacefully on her 40th wedding anniversary. Patricia was also a very active member in the Needham community. Patricia made a profound impact when sharing her extensive human resources expertise serving as a member and chair of the Needham Personnel Board for over nineteen years. Patricia was always the first to help Needham graduates in their pursuit of college and career placements, counseling and celebrating them as they made Needham proud. Patricia was also proud to empower females through the Women's Entrepreneur Initiative, mentoring aspiring owners as they launched local businesses for over two decades. Her smile would light up any room and despite her very hectic schedule she always made time for her family, friends, and community. January 2019 marks the beginning of the "Patrick and Patricia Forde Good Person Memorial Award."

### Goal:

This award will recognize an adult in the community who has helped make Needham a better place to live through his/her volunteer work and commitment. The recipient will be a person of high character, a person who has contributed in some significant way to Needham children, youth, and/or families, and a person who has enhanced those with whom they interacted. This award is recognition that through volunteerism and caring, each person in our community is able to enhance Needham.

### Qualifications:

The recipient of this award must:

- Be a Needham resident
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Not be paid for their work with children, youth, and/or families for which they are being nominated

### How to Nominate a Person:

Nomination forms are available at the Needham Youth & Family Services office in Town Hall or online at [www.needhamma.gov/youth/fordeaward](http://www.needhamma.gov/youth/fordeaward). If nominees are not selected after one year, but are still engaged in activities to benefit youth, children, and/or families their nomination will remain active for a second year.

### Selection Process:

Nominations are accepted at any time throughout the year. This December, one candidate will be selected by a sub-committee of three (3) members of the Youth & Family Services Board of Directors.

**Patrick and Patricia Forde  
Good Person Memorial Award**

Created by Needham Youth & Family Services, The Patrick and Patricia Forde Good Person Memorial Award is designed to recognize a Needham adult who helps to make our community a better place to live through his/her volunteer work. The recipient will be a person of high character, a person who has contributed in some significant way to Needham children, youth, and/or families, and a person who has enhanced those with whom they interacted.

This award is recognition that through volunteerism and caring, each person in our community is able to enhance Needham. Youth and Family Services will accept nominations submitted on the below form from local businesses, schools, religious or civic organizations, or individuals at any time of the year. If you have questions or desire additional information, please contact Needham Youth & Family Services at 781-455-7500.

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe in as much detail as possible the nominee's involvement/work with Needham children, youth, and/or families (please use additional pages if you require additional space):**

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**Please describe in as much detail as possible the nominee's personal character and how they have enhanced those with whom they interacted (please use additional pages if you require additional space):**

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**How do you know the nominee?**

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**Name of nominating person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address of nominating person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list two other Needham residents (name and telephone number) who are familiar with the work of the nominee on behalf of children, youth, and/or families:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_