

# NEEDHAM YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

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## Patrick C. Forde Good Person Memorial Award

### Background:

In 2005, Needham resident and community activist Patrick Forde passed away unexpectedly at the age of 51. Patrick was a person who cared deeply about Needham and about youth and families. His community involvement included being a Town Meeting member as well as the Commissioner of Trust Funds. He devoted countless hours to young people as a coach, working with Charles River ARC, and with the Boy Scouts. He was a gentle man who drew great joy from being helpful to others. Above all, Patrick was best known for being a “good person.” He was someone that others could rely on to lend a supportive ear or word.

Patrick was extremely supportive of the work of Needham Youth & Family Services and understood the importance of families and of the healthy growth of youth. In an effort to honor Patrick, this award has been established by Needham Youth Services and will be given annually to a Needham resident who embodies his spirit.

### 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. Each November, one candidate will be selected by a sub-committee of two (2) members of the Youth & Family Services Board of Directors.

**Patrick C. Forde Good Person Memorial Award**  
**Nomination Form**

Created by the Needham Youth & Family Services, the Patrick C. 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. The Youth 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 X267.

**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 the back side 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 the back side 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) \_\_\_\_\_