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MacGregor Fiske Award to Recognize Novice Journalists

The MacGregor Fiske Fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts invites nominations for the fourth annual memorial award honoring a promising journalist early in his or her career.

The \$1,000 award will recognize a journalist who is relatively new to the field, encourage him or her to persevere in the profession and honor the contributions of journalists to sustaining an informed society.

The late MacGregor Fiske was a lifelong newspaperman - sportswriter, sports editor, news editor, city editor, copy editor and weekly columnist. In his work, as in all his life, he personified integrity, ethics, humor, warmth and compassion. He was a much-loved mentor and a greatly respected professional. He was 75 when he died in November 2009, and his widow, Mary McCann Fiske of Rochester, established the Fund and this award in his memory.

“After he died, I heard from several young reporters letting me know how much Mac had taught them. I wanted to do something that would continue his support for people who have chosen a career in journalism,” Ms. McCann Fiske said. “The work is critical to an informed society, but it’s sometimes overlooked and undervalued. I like the idea of recognizing and supporting those who may be working extra jobs or just getting by so they can be a part of a free press.”

To be considered for the award, applicants must have worked in the editorial department of a daily newspaper for less than five years. A wide range of professional roles are eligible, including reporters, sports writers, copy editors, page designers and photographers.

Mr. Fiske began his career at the Framingham News, which became the Middlesex News and is now the MetroWest Daily News. He spent many years at the Providence Journal, from which he retired. He returned to the MetroWest News as a part-time copy editor following his retirement.

Applications can be downloaded at the Community Foundation’s website, www.cfsema.org. Applications are due at the Community Foundation on April 15, 2016.

To donate to the MacGregor Fiske fund, visit <https://www.cfsema.org/donors/donate-to-a-fund/donate> and select “MacGregor Fiske Fund” from the drop-down menu.

About the Community Foundation

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts is a tax-exempt public charity founded in 1995 to improve the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts by facilitating, advising, convening and/or responding to critical community issues. Since 2005, CFSEMA has distributed more than \$20 million in grants and scholarships from 225 funds to support youth programs, expand economic opportunities, increase educational attainment, promote sustainability, invest in the creative economy and, through the Women’s Fund, improve the economic status of women and girls. For more information, visit www.cfsema.org.