**Margaret Engel**

Margaret Engel is a journalist and playwright in Washington, D.C. She is director of the Alicia Patterson Foundation, which gives grants to reporters, editors and photographers.

She and her twin sister, Allison, wrote “Red Hot Patriot: The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins,” which premiered in 2010 with actress Kathleen Turner.

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She chairs the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards and is on boards of the Fund for Investigative Journalism and TheatreWashington/Helen Hayes Awards.

She and her twin have written three editions of “Food Finds: America’s Best Local Foods and the People Who Produce Them” (HarperCollins). Their book was the basis of a long-running show, “Food Finds,” on The Food Network.

She, her husband and two children wrote three Fodor’s guidebooks on America’s baseball parks, “Baseball Vacations.” They helped create the Bethesda Big Train, a college wooden bat team, that is part of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League. The team’s proceeds build and fix fields in needy areas.

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