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HUDSON-WEBBER FOUNDATION ADDS PULTIZER PRIZE-WINNING JOURNALIST STEPHEN HENDERSON TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 27, 2015 (Detroit) – Stephen Henderson, editorial page editor, Detroit Free Press, has joined the Hudson-Webber Foundation’s board of trustees as its newest member. A native Detroiter, Henderson was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 2014 for his commentary on Detroit’s financial collapse. After covering the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington D.C. for four years, Henderson returned to Detroit in 2007 and has been a prominent voice in the community ever since.

“Stephen’s thoughtful and eloquent commentary on our community has consistently and positively captured our trustees’ attention and we are thrilled to welcome him to our board,” said Jennifer Hudson Parke, chair of the Hudson-Webber Foundation. “Stephen’s perspective will benefit our work greatly.”

Henderson, 44, has been a reporter, editorial writer and editor for the Free Press, the Lexington Herald-Leader, the Chicago Tribune and the Baltimore Sun. He lives in downtown Detroit.

During 2014, the Hudson-Webber Foundation awarded funds totaling more than \$8 million to organizations in the Detroit region. Among the Foundation’s grants were significant commitments to Midtown Detroit, Inc., the Downtown Detroit Partnership, Invest Detroit, Eastern Market Corporation, M-1 RAIL and the New Economy Initiative. In addition, the Hudson-Webber Foundation has awarded multi-year grants to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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About the Hudson-Webber Foundation:

The Hudson-Webber Foundation was established in 1943 with major contributions from Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Webber, other members of the Webber family, and The J.L. Hudson Company. The Foundation currently has assets of approximately \$170 million and concentrates its efforts and resources in the City of Detroit with a focus on greater downtown Detroit. The mission areas of the Foundation include support of physical revitalization, economic development, arts and safety.

As part of the broader mission, a focus of current foundation work and giving includes 15x15 – a shared vision to not only attract 15,000 young, talented households to greater downtown Detroit by 2015, but to also articulate to the area and the region the positive impact that influx would have. To learn more about Hudson-Webber and 15x15, visit www.hudson-webber.org.