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## **LIBERTY BANK SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR DIVERSITY AWARD**

MIDDLETOWN, CT — Liberty Bank is soliciting nominations for the 2015 Willard M. McRae Community Diversity Award. This annual award is designed to recognize an individual who has made a significant and ongoing contribution to the cause of promoting and celebrating diversity in the communities served by Liberty Bank.

The bank is looking to the public to nominate local residents who are leaders in building positive relationships between different people, whether those differences be of race, economic status, culture, religion, or any other aspect of diversity. Nomination information and forms are available in all 48 Liberty Bank offices throughout central, eastern, and shoreline Connecticut, as well as on the bank's web site, [www.liberty-bank.com](http://www.liberty-bank.com). Nominations must be received by Friday, September 4, to be considered. For more information about the award, call (860) 638-2961.

Introduced in 2000 as the Liberty Bank Community Diversity Award, the award was renamed in 2009 in honor of Willard McRae, past chairman of the Liberty Bank Board of Directors and a founding member of the Liberty Bank Foundation Board of Directors. A lifelong Middletown resident, Mr. McRae is the co-founder of the Middlesex Coalition for Children, the Middlesex Child and Adolescent Service System Program, and the Upward Bound program at Wesleyan University.

The 2014 award recipient was Sara Chaney of New London, product manager of the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center, a longstanding community volunteer. A list of other past recipients is available on the bank's web site.

Established in 1825, Liberty Bank is Connecticut's oldest mutual bank, with more than \$3.9 billion in assets and 48 banking offices throughout the central, eastern, and shoreline areas of the state. As a full-service financial institution, Liberty offers consumer and commercial banking, home mortgages, insurance, and investment services. Named as a "Top Workplace" by the Hartford Courant for three consecutive years, Liberty maintains a longstanding commitment to superior personal service and unparalleled community involvement.

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