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**First Eagle Bank
Presented with Illinois Bankers Association Community Service Award**

Springfield, Ill. -- First Eagle Bank was honored as one of three 2015 Illinois Bank Community Service Award winners by the Illinois Bankers Association (IBA). The awards were presented on June 17 during the 124th Annual IBA Conference held at the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette and Peoria Civic Center. This is the 13th year for the Illinois Bank Community Service awards, which honor Illinois financial institutions that demonstrate a high level of service in their communities.

First Eagle Bank has had an outstanding CRA rating dating back to 2009, and it also has a CDFI certification, which are both testaments to their deep commitment to the communities they serve, including underserved communities. They have undertaken a number of community development initiatives, including providing an \$850,000 subsidy to Mercy Housing Lakefront through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago Affordable Housing Program. Employees serve on boards and committees of many organizations, including Facing Forward to End Homelessness, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Illinois Jumpstart Coalition, Horizons for Youth and Habitat for Humanity. The bank also partnered with the Chicago Housing Authority on its Student Internship Program, designed to provide job readiness training and placement opportunities for current CHA residents. President and CEO Andy Salk accepted the award on behalf of the bank.

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Illinois Bankers Association

The Illinois Bankers Association, the voice of Illinois' banking industry, is a full-service trade association dedicated to creating a positive business climate that benefits the entire banking industry and the communities they serve. Founded in 1891, the IBA brings together state and national banks and savings banks that together employ well over 100,000 people in nearly 5,000 offices across the state. The IBA is proud of its diverse membership, serving all sizes of financial institutions from the smallest community bank in the state to the largest national bank in the country. Illinois headquartered banks and savings institutions safeguard more than \$341.5 billion in deposits and extend more than \$225.8 billion in loans to consumers and businesses.