

**NorCAN**, a program of Humboldt Area Foundation, is dedicated to connecting, training and convening nonprofit leaders doing good work across the region. Each year, we honor a leader with this distinguished award to celebrate the creativity and contributions of talent in the nonprofit sector.

ibby Maynard. Mentioning her name in the community gets an instant response of gratitude and respect. She has been described as a "ray of sunshine, a community, cultural, and national leader and a deep believer in humanity."

Her résumé is a mile long, filled with a mix of volunteer work and impressive leadership roles. She is a mover and shaker, and to the core, she is an artist who loves where she lives.

Libby is the cofounder and executive director of Ink People Center for the Arts, serves as an independent community cultural development consultant, and is a member of the Humboldt Creative Alliance and the NorCAN steering committee. She also serves on the board of directors for: Access Humboldt, Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Alliance for California Traditional Arts (a statewide organization based in Fresno), and Humboldt County Workforce Development Board.

This past year, the community came together to celebrate Libby with NorCAN's 2016 Nonprofit Leader Achievement Award, an honor well deserved and respectfully earned over multiple years of service to the region.

66 Nationally, Libby put Humboldt on the arts map through her involvement with Americans for the Arts, her advocacy with the National Endowment for the Arts and other leadership organizations.

But these are not the reasons I have come to love Libby and hold her in my heart for all she represents about what is possible.

Libby has a deeper belief and trust in humanity than almost anyone I have ever met, and she shows it by how she conducts her work.

## - Peter H. Pennekamp

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