FERGUSON LIBRARY AWARDED NAACP’s JOYCE YERWOOD HUMANITARIAN AWARD

STAMFORD, November 1, 2017 - The Ferguson Library has been awarded the prestigious Dr. Joyce Yerwood Humanitarian Award by the Stamford NAACP. The award was one of several given to local organizations, companies and individuals who have made an impact on the community.

Alice Knapp, President of The Ferguson Library, accepted the library’s award at the NAACP’s Annual Freedom Fund Dinner.

“Dr. Yerwood’s work has made Stamford a better place,” Ms. Knapp said. “Her service went beyond the medical field as she became a role model, mentor and teacher to the youth of Stamford. She was intentional in her actions and an agent of change. We have partnered with the NAACP to host conversations around race and equity to provide a safe place to hold difficult conversations. We hope through these conversations that Stamford can become the agent of change and complete Dr. Yerwood’s work.”
Dr. Joyce Yerwood was the first female African American physician in Fairfield County. She devoted her 50-year career to providing quality medical care for low-income women, children, and families. She was a tireless advocate for social justice and equality, who impacted thousands of lives over her lifetime of civic engagement, including founding the Yerwood Center, the first community center for African Americans in Stamford.

The Ferguson Library is Stamford’s public library system, consisting of the Main Library, DiMattia Building; the Harry Bennett Branch; the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch; the South End Branch and a traveling Bookmobile. It provides free and equal access to information, ideas, books and technology to educate, engage and enrich the Stamford community.