



GGEA I Make a Difference Award



The Human Rights Committee recognizes GGEA members who make a positive contribution outside of the classroom with the "I Make a Difference Award." This award is given to members who volunteer their time and energy to benefit the school community or the community at large.

Nominations should be submitted to the GGEA Human Rights Committee via email to humanrights@ggea.org. Nominations can be submitted by a single member, by a group of members, or by the entire school staff. Please include the following in your nomination:

- The nominee's name, school and contact information
- His/her specific contribution (please provide details)
- Your name and contact information

Each month, the committee will honor an IMAD recipient at a Rep Council meeting and feature him/her in the *GGEA Advocate*.



PREVIOUS IMAD WINNERS

The GGEA Human Rights Committee would like to thank the following teachers for volunteering their time to improving our schools and community.

2017-2018

October – **Maura Mollner** – Simmons Elementary – Dedicated to her “adopt a family” program that ensures that families have winter clothing and provide students with books to read over the summer.

November – **Shelly Wellins** – Bolsa Grande High School – Helped create a soup kitchen that feeds hundreds every week. She helps collect food, cooks and is in charge of the soup kitchen once a month.

February – **Darci Gibson** – Mark Twain – Advocated bringing back the music program to the special education students at Mark Twain Special Education Center.

2016-2017

September – **Jaydee Choompoo** – K-12 Nurse – Submitted a grant for students to receive eyeglasses and continuously follows up with families and their mental, dental and health care during home visits.

October – **Angela Nguyen** – Woodbury Elementary – Collect donations for the homeless in Garden Grove and Skid Row in Los Angeles. She also volunteers in Christ Church.

May – **Camie Walker** – Murdy Elementary – Implements exciting STEM lessons to her students, serves on GGEA's IPD Committee and presents at a number of conferences.

May – **Vickie Miller** – Santiago High – Serves on a number of school councils and clubs and creates Christmas baskets for needy families.

2015-2016

February – **Teresa Jackson** - Clinton Elementary – Founder and board member of Jackson's College Bound Foundation which helps send students to sports and science camps and provides scholarships for underprivileged students.

March – **Tisha Voeller** – Garden Grove High School – Coordinates student participation in the Sister City Association of Garden Grove Exchange Program which sends high school students to South Korea during spring break.

April – **Kathleen Nash** – Rancho Alamitos High School – Organized a positive way for general and special education students to express themselves artistically through RAHS's T-Shirt Club.

May – **Jisun Kim** – Woodbury Elementary – Organized a school wide recycling program and dedicates a number of hours to Woodbury's running club.

2014-2015

October – **Dr. Dee Chester** - Fitz Intermediate – Dedicated over 1,500 hours to teaching Disaster Preparedness and school safety.

November – **Kelly Nolan** – Paine Elementary – Committed to numerous charitable organizations, such as the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation and local food banks, and to school clubs.

February – **Lloyd Stone** – Doig Intermediate – Fostered a growing parent community, created a scholarship fund for students graduating from Santiago High School, and created several programs that promoted community and culture.

April – **Diana Parcell** – Bell Intermediate – Created and openly offers a website loaded with science teacher resources.

2013-2014

September – **Kristen McCullough** – Jordan Intermediate – Promoted the appreciation and participation in the arts by producing yearly musicals and organized fieldtrips for her students to enjoy the local arts.

January – **Amanda LaPera** – La Quinta High School – Serves on the board of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Orange County and is the author of Losing Dad, a book about paranoid schizophrenia.

February – **Roben Alarcon** – Eisenhower Elementary – Organized yearly Christmas deliveries to disadvantaged youth in her school and community.

March – **Elizabeth Bryan** and **Kelly Anderson** – Bolsa Grande High School – Created a volunteer reading club and writers' workshop for their ELD students creating a positive learning and college-going environment.

April – **Terry Shepard** – Paine Elementary – Helped raise thousands of dollars towards the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation.

May – **Peggy Talsma** – Evans Elementary – Targeted student health by coordinating the Marine Corps Youth Physical Fitness Program for the past 20 years.

2012 – 2013

September – **Quynh-Trang Nguyen** – Bolsa Grande High School – Organized the Vietnamese Culture Nights which included student, parent and community involvement.

November – **Janet Fettig** and **Anthony Maytorena** – McGarvin Intermediate – Coordinated numerous after-school and lunchtime events to promote community spirit and student health.

January – **Ellen McLeod** – Bell Intermediate – Led her special education students in planning the annual Thanksgiving feast for Bell Intermediate and counseled students and families.

March – **Alison Hartson** – Rancho Alamitos High School – Organized scholarships for low-income students and campaigned for SB 52 The California Disclosure Act, which pushes for transparency in political campaigning.

2011-2012

January – **Jason Oda** – La Quinta High School – Advised the LQHS DJ Club which demonstrates its talents at various school events.

March – **Cindy Riberio** – McGarvin Intermediate – Organized the yearly Washington, D.C. trip and Career Day at McGarvin.

April – **Adam Wemmer** – Pacifica High School – Helped create and share curriculum featuring the history of the Vietnamese and Hispanic communities.

2010-2011

January – **Adriana Alba** – Garden Grove High School – Utilized her training in inter-ethnic relations to promote tolerance and celebrate diversity as the Bridges advisor and serve as a GSA advisor.

March – **Dana Guns** – Walton Intermediate – Prepared PSAT classes for 8th graders; volunteers with the Boy Scouts, her community church, and with the El Modena Grad Nite Committee; and is a member of the Professional Auxiliary of the Assistance League of Orange County.

April – **Tim Acquarelli** – Crosby Elementary – Organized a sports league for students to promote student health.

May – **Jason Lupei** – Rancho Alamitos High School – Helped raise over \$20,000 for AIDS research and advocates against human trafficking.

2003-2004

Monica Hernandez
Kendra Struck
Merlin Allred

2001-2002

Gordon Enders
Thanh Nguyen

2000-2001

Monica Hernandez
Annelle Simmons

1999-2000

Nancy Jo Price

1998-1999

Lucy Ewell
Kevin Ferguson
Roxi Moore
Karen Condon

1997-1998

Gail Martinez
Christina Cole

1996-1997

Vivian Cutler
Diane Acosta
Sylvia Krenzien
Stan Cowen
Sharon Franke
Joyce Yoo
Adele Pequet

1995-1996

Cindy Monty
Bev Cox
Ken Kunkel
Karen Moeller
Teri Rocco
Ron Heusser

1994-1995

Loretta Kenney
Claire Purcell
Donna Moore
Jane Zettler

1993-1994

Sally McAuley
Sheryl Reyes
Vivian Taggart
Robert Crabb
Dorothy Taguchi
Marlene McConville
Annette Watson

1992-1993

Vickie Toutz
Sue Daily
Barbara Zeno
Kathleen Decker
Emmy Lou Swanson
Terry Shanahan
Bill Fike
Marelle Dorsey

1991-1992

Gayle Santiago
Jean Blakey
Hank Hodgdon
Susan Martin
Jim Keltner
Ellen McLeod
Sandi Poochigian
MaryAnn Smith

1990-1991

Judy Easterly
Carol Ulvilden
Joyce Walton
Judy Ishihara
Rita Corpin
Mary Dinius
Alice Rumbaugh

1989-1990

Jackie Taylor
Ella Broderick
Carole McCormac
Joanne Davey
Colleen Rice
Frosty Kaiser
Carolyn Krutsinger
Margaret Feliciani

1988-1989

Lynn Saito
Jan Burwell
Carol Schnitger
Margaret Duhamel
Ed Peterson
Jack Sorter
Barbara Barker

