



# 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](mailto: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.

### 2018-2019

October – **Christena Harper** – Morningside Elementary – Special education advocate, writer and winner of a variety of grants to increase the amount of STEM activities.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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