

Administrators Award “Golden Apple” to Mrs. Terry Leahy

Highlighting her hometown connection and her exemplary commitment to volunteer service in Arcadia, Deputy Superintendent David Vannasdall praised Terry Leahy as Arcadia's 2013 Golden Apple Award recipient.

The Golden Apple Award is sponsored by the Northwest San Gabriel Valley Administrators Association and is given for outstanding community leadership. Each of the ten school districts in the organization (Arcadia, Duarte, Garvey, La Canada, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena and Temple City) select a community volunteer to honor at NWSGVAA's annual awards breakfast.

Terry Leahy is a dedicated and energetic individual with an untiring commitment to Arcadia's youth and education. Terry's roots and love for the community run deep having grown up here and attended Arcadia's public schools herself. She and husband Jim raised their three daughters here and Arcadia's public schools have benefited greatly from Terry's volunteer service both while the girls were in school and beyond.

Terry was a Girl Scout troop leader for 14 years, a little league board member and team mom spanning 25 years, and in her 22 years in PTA, held numerous positions at all levels including the presidency at Hugo Reid Elementary and Foothills Middle School.

At Arcadia High School, Terry developed scholarships for graduating AHS seniors who attended Hugo Reid and Foothills, helped organize the first Fall Preview Day to showcase the school's outstanding programs, started a line of Apache wear to build school spirit, and chaired Grad Night three different times. She was also involved with the AHS Athletic Boosters for more than six years. In recognition of her dedication, PTA has bestowed the Honorary Service Award, Continuing Service Award, and its most prestigious honor, the Golden Oak.

For four years Terry served as a trustee for the Arcadia Educational Foundation, chairing several successful fundraising events which contributed to the enrichment of our students' educational experience. This October, she was an integral part of the committee which coordinated the grand opening of the District's new state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center. Outside of schools, Terry is a member of the Assistance League of Arcadia where she served as Assisteens coordinator and membership chairman.

In another area of commitment to Arcadia schools, Terry works in substitute clerical positions throughout the District and is also a cheerleader for her husband who is the District's construction manager for work being done in conjunction with our \$218 million facilities bond. One of their daughters is also a history teacher at Arcadia High School.

The Arcadia Unified School District is pleased to have this opportunity to honor and recognize Terry Leahy for her on-going service and commitment to Arcadia's children and schools.



Golden Apple recipient Terry Leahy and Deputy Superintendent David Vannasdall