



Margaret Abo
(posthumous)
2021 Community Spirit Award

Margaret Abo grew up in Gardena, CA with her siblings and parents. She was the eldest of 4 children and was always apt to helping out in the community. She went to Cal State Long Beach to receive her Teaching Credential and was a High School Home Economics teacher for several years until she moved to Huntington Beach to become a homemaker and childcare provider for family and friends. This is where her passion truly took off. She loved working with kids and loved helping out families when they needed someone to take care of their children.

Providing daycare was her calling and she did it well. Most people knew her as a daycare provider as this is what she did for the last 35 years of her life. She helped so many families and made sure that they were cared for on a regular basis. Some of the kids have grown up, gone to college, gotten married, and had kids of their own. She even watched many of those kids. Everyone she cared for has such lasting memories of the impact that she had on their lives.

The OCBC Girl Scouting program was another one of Margaret's passions. She envisioned girls to be able to explore and travel just like the boys as part of the OCBC Boy Scout program. She and 5 other moms started the OCBC Girl Scouting program 35 years ago and her commitment and support in the program continued during that entire time. Although her daughter had left the program, she continued to be an advisor to the entire program and even had the opportunity to see her granddaughter be a part of the program as a Daisy, Brownie and Junior prior to her passing.

In addition to childcare, Margaret was also involved in the Orange County Buddhist Church doing several other activities. She was a teacher for Kimekomi Doll-Making for 35 years, she was on the OCBC Cookbook Committee and was active in the Tomodachi Bento Program. She was also active in several other groups such as the OCBC Buddhist Women's Association, OCBC Historical Committee, and Los Angeles Buddhist Coordinating Council.