

## Join us in a Celebration of Life

### ***In Loving and Joyful Memory of Mary Jo Ginty***

*Mary Jo dedicated her talent and service to LACOE since 2007 as regional lead for the Expanded Learning Technical Assistance Unit. She was recognized both statewide and nationally as a pioneer in the field of expanded learning and as a tireless advocate for high-quality before-school, after-school and summer learning programs as critical tools for closing achievement and opportunity gaps. Mary Jo's work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Expanded Learning Visionary Leadership Award from the California Department of Education. Mary Jo will be honored posthumously at the Best of Out-Of-School-Time (BOOST) Conference in April with an "OSTI" Lifetime Achievement Award.*

**Remarks:** Provided by Dr. Michelle R. Perrenoud

**Celebration of Life:** Mary Jo loved a good gathering where people could connect with one another and enjoy each other's company. Please help us celebrate her. Feel free to move about the room visiting the celebration tables to learn about some of Mary Jo's favorite life experiences. Mingle with colleagues and friends, while partaking in an imagined tea party dining on small bites and sipping a refreshing beverage. Share some of your favorite MJ memories and experiences with one another. We encourage your sharing of some humor as well as poignant situations. Consider creating a kindness rock and writing a note of memory, inspiration or condolence that we will share with the family on your behalf. Remember to stop by and share your video tribute.

**Notes of Fond Memory, Inspiration, and Condolence:** Write a note that gives comfort, offers sympathy, or offers a memory of joy.

**Kindness Rocks:** One word or message that can provide a ray of hope and brighten a day and personal outlook.

**Video Tribute:** Create a 15 – 20 second video tribute in *Room 610* (near the Ardis Street building entrance)

- A favorite memory with Mary Jo
- What you loved most about Mary Jo
- How Mary Jo has influenced/impacted your life/program/career
- The greatest lesson Mary Jo has ever taught you
- Your favorite quality about Mary Jo
- Funniest story about Mary Jo