

## **Emerald Spotlight May 2011**

*The GSGLA Emerald Spotlight is a monthly award that recognizes a former Girl Scout who shows courage, confidence, and character in her current role as a community leader.*



### **Hiromi Asada**

Hiromi Asada has volunteered with the Girl Scouts for 23 years. She became involved when her daughter was a Daisy and she has been a troop leader at all levels of Girl Scouting. She currently serves as an adult ambassador for the Girl Scouts by visiting public schools to give 10-minute presentations in each classroom, offer sample programs after school, and start new troops.

Every summer, Hiromi organizes a “Sew What?” camp that reaches underserved girls in the areas of Hacienda Heights, Rowland, and La Puente. Her goal for the girls is humble: to learn the practical life skills of how to hem jeans and sew on a button. There are 20 sewing machines available for participants but the camp is so popular that 15 additional girls attend and bring their own machines.

Hiromi is a reluctant recipient of the Emerald Spotlight because she considers the reward for her work to be the gratification she receives from helping girls to grow in confidence, to learn to get along with others, and to master leadership skills that can help them give back to their communities. Hiromi gives the Girl Scouts movement credit for helping to raise her daughter, a Gold Awardee who is now a Doctor of Physical Therapy who spends her free time volunteering with the Girl Scouts and at a women’s shelter in Hollywood.

Hiromi’s advice to Girl Scouts today is to shoot for your dreams because all things are possible if you’re dedicated and willing to work hard!