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When Gretchen Trekell Sargeant ’77 takes on a project or makes a commitment, she puts every ounce of her energy into it. Loyal, committed, and generous, words taken from the Service to Bishop’s Award were written with Gretchen in mind.

Gretchen’s enthusiasm for and dedication to her volunteer work at the School when her children, Kristin ‘08 and Stephen ’11, were students mirrored her active involvement during her own years as a Bishop’s student when she was a Mighty Gold, three sport athlete (basketball, field hockey, volleyball), member of the Athletic Council and the Glee Club. As a Bishop’s parent, Gretchen led as the president of both the Parents’ Association and Performing Arts Circle; and as an alumna she served a four-year term on the Alumni Association Board and chaired class reunions. Her attendance at alumni and school events – from Reunion Weekends to Founders Day (now EBS Celebration) to the Christmas Tea to performing arts productions - is remarkable.

Following her graduation from Bishop’s, Gretchen attended San Diego State University where she earned a B.A. in Physical Education and went on to teach sixth grade math and physical education at the Evans School in La Jolla for over 20 years.

Whether it was leading as the president of a volunteer organization on campus, making sure the box office for the performing arts was operating smoothly while supporting her children’s passion for all things theatrical, or organizing a class reunion, Gretchen brought her big laugh, her unflagging loyalty and her wise perspective to the Bishop’s community.

It is with affection and gratitude that we recognize Gretchen Trekell Sargeant ’77 with the Service to Bishop’s Award.