

# **SAM SLUSHER AWARD**

## **ELAINE SHIMOTSU GILBERT**

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This year's Sam Slusher Award recipient, Elaine Shimotsu Gilbert, hails from San Benito, Texas. Elaine graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from Southwest Texas State University. She then taught school in both Edinburgh and Harlingen, Texas.

Later on, Elaine changed direction in her career, working as a Program Administrator for the National Staff Development Council. She worked there for 17 years and then retired.

Elaine is passionate about volunteerism, so she offered her excellent organizational skills to her "neighbor" - the JCC Senior Department Food Program. She has been dedicated to helping the JCC for almost 9 years.