



## *Outstanding Woman*

# Susan Rich

Sue Rich has been a resident of Oakdale for 40 years. She currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent at the Stanislaus County Office of Education. Before working at SCOE, Sue taught high school English in Oakdale for 13 years. In her leadership position at SCOE she has worked on several cross-sector initiatives including Stanislaus READS, Stanislaus Futures and Destination Graduation. As part of the Stanislaus READS initiative she has worked on the expansion of the Imagination Library free book by mail for low-income pre-k children and on the launch of Reading Clubs in after school programs at over 20 schools and Housing Authority sites. As part of Stanislaus Futures Sue helped launch the 6 Cups to College mentor program which matches first-generation high school seniors with business and community professionals with college experience. The program now has 175 mentors working with students at 7 high schools. Sue herself serves as a 6 Cups mentor to two young women.

Outside her professional life, Sue works weekly with her husband and son to feed the homeless and needy in their community through their church. She is also a project leader for the Orange Blossom 4-H Club in Oakdale.