

Stanislaus County Commission for Women
Outstanding Woman Nomination 2016

Dear Selection Committee,

It is my honor and pleasure to nominate Susan Smith as a 2016 Outstanding Woman. I have known Susan for over 15 years and seen her work in a number of arenas to improve the quality of life for women and girls in Stanislaus County. She has been a resident of Modesto for over 25 years and her professional and volunteer work have enriched the lives of many in our community.

In her professional life, Susan works as a Nurse Practitioner focused on women's reproductive health. She provides family planning and other reproductive health services to women every day, serving some of the most vulnerable at one of our local Federally Qualified Health Centers. This clinic primarily serves low-income women who often have limited or no other options for health care services. Susan's dedication to ensuring women have access to high-quality reproductive health care is inspiring; she takes the time to provide holistic, patient-centered guidance and education to her patients in addition to the physical care they need.

In addition to her duties as a nurse practitioner, Susan organized a program to provide sports physicals to local high school students at no cost. Susan began this project 12 years ago when she realized students who were uninsured or unable to pay for a physical were opting out of participation in organized sports. Susan coordinated the participating schools and facilities and recruited physicians and other health care professionals to provide the examinations. Over the years, the project has grown to include approximately 15 schools with physicals taking place over the course of 3 weeks. Her leadership and participation was critical to the success of this project and thousands of young people have benefitted from her involvement.

Susan is a long-time member of Soroptimist International (Modesto Chapter) and has served as the Secretary and Treasurer of the organization. She enjoys working with her fellow Soroptimists on the Community Christmas Tree each year, a project that provides Christmas gifts to children in need in our community. She was selected Soroptimist of the Year in 2002. In addition to her activities with Soroptimist, she has served as a leader for her daughter's Brownie and Girl Scout troops. For 10 years (2000-2010) she provided her expertise and passion as a board member for the PRIDE Center.

Susan received her BS in Nursing from UCLA and her MS in Nursing from UC San Diego. She received her license as a Nurse Practitioner in 1999.

Susan Smith is a shining example of someone who puts her community, particularly women and girls, at the forefront. She has given much of her time, energy, compassion and talents to Stanislaus County and made our community better for all. I believe she is an excellent candidate for the Stanislaus County Commission for Women's Outstanding Woman award. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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