



**Susan Marie Smith
2018 Peace Builder Award**

Susan Marie Smith was a Simi Valley resident who was a devoted wife and mother of two, who worked for the Simi Valley Unified School district for 16 years at five of the local schools. She loved life, had a passion for students, and touched the entire community with her warmth and nurturing personality before she became the unfortunate victim during the Las Vegas shooting in 2017.

In memory of Susan Marie Smith, the Susan Marie Smith Peace Builder Award will recognize local youth in the Simi Valley Unified School District for outstanding commitment to social change. It is our hope that this award will change the focus away from violence and inspire students to speak out for peace and to work to end the hatred, ignorance, injustice, violence, and intolerance, by honoring courageous role models and leaders within the Simi Valley Unified School District. The recipient of this award will have shown a devotion to peace and justice, through their school, place of worship, or within the community. We hope this recognition will help young people in our community fulfill their potential to be the changemakers we need in this world.

Criteria for determining recipient of the Susan Marie Smith Peacebuilder Award are:

1. **Must be** a student in the Simi Valley Unified School District.
2. **Consistency and Determination** -All efforts were sustained over a time with continued intensity despite disappointments, frustrations or setbacks.

Nominee: _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Nominated by: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET WITH THIS INFORMATION:
(Deadline: April 1, 2018)

A thorough response and supporting materials, articles, and statements telling us what project or personal contribution your nominee made. The selection committee is looking for students who have contributed to peace building in one or more of the following ways:

- Creatively resolving a conflict
- Contributing to peaceful dispute resolution
- Promoting reconciliation/healing
- Building understanding between divergent people/groups
- Contributing to increased peace, collaboration, and trust

Please return this form, along with your supporting material to:
Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, P.O. Box 11, Simi Valley, CA 93062-0011
Or email to: RCSSPeaceBuilderAward@gmail.com