

**Spring Branch Independent School District**  
**Agenda Item Information**

**Date of Board Meeting:** January 19, 2010

**Subject:** Employees of the Month

**Administrator Responsible:**

**Name:** Linda Buchman

**Position:** Community Relations Officer

**Purpose of Agenda Item:**

**Information only**       **Action needed**       **Report**

**Additional Information and/or Back-Up:**  
**SBISD January 2010**  
**Employees of the Month**  
**Roshen Daroowala and Elsie Rao**  
**Department for the Visually Impaired**

In the words of Kathy Archer, Teacher of the Visually Impaired and a nominator for the SBISD January Employees of the Month, "SBISD is very lucky to have these jewels in our crown." They give tirelessly of themselves to help our vision-impaired students find success in school and in life.

The district's Brailist, Roshen has give years of service to SBISD translating books, tests, worsheets, graphs, diagrams and maps into Braille, and helping our vision-impaired students complete their work on time, just like their sighted peers in the classroom. The longest-tenured employee in our Vision Department, Roshen has been known to take whole books home over the summer to Braille so that her students are ready to begin the first day of the new year. As noted in her nomination, "She is an outstanding person and goes way beyond her job description year after year."

Elsie Rao is "highly dedicated to her students and thrives on their successes on and off the campus. She also goes the extra mile to challenge students that may have never been challenged before. " Known across the state of Texas for her expertise in the field of vision, she is often called upon by places near and far to mentor new vision teachers, present workshops and problem solve. She is "truly preparing her students for life after SBISD."

For their dedication to the needs of our visually impaired students, going far above and beyond their job descriptions and workday to assure their success, we honor, thank and recognize these very special SBISD educators.