

RISING STAR AWARDED AT PROJECT NEW BEGINNINGS GRADUATION

The 21st Rising Star Award, sponsored by Technology Team LLC, was given on November 17, 2011 at the Project New Beginnings graduation ceremony. The winner, **Ruth Edwards**, was presented with a new computer system to increase her business potential and to assist in making her business more profitable.

At the end of each Project New Beginnings session, an educational program developed by the Fort Worth Business Assistance Center, a Rising Star Award is given to an outstanding participant by Technology Team LLC. The first prize consists of a laptop computer, with operating software and color printer. Applications for the award are open to all students of Project New Beginnings who present a need for a computer to start or expand their business. Certificates of recognition were given to the applicants before the first prize was announced.

Ruth Edwards presented a business plan for her company, **Pink Diva**. Ms. Edwards creates one-of-a kind, handcrafted jewelry using gemstones and completed the Project New Beginnings classes to develop more professional business skills. The computer system will enable her to start a website to show her creations and provide an online store. She will be able to communicate with customers, and track her time and expenses. She stated, "Project New Beginnings has changed my life. This experience has given me more confidence in myself and my business. I value myself more and I have a new love for what I do."

Sherry Green and Allen Spinner, president and vice-president of Technology Team, have volunteered with the teaching and mentoring of future entrepreneurs in the Project New Beginnings for seven years. Technology Team established the Rising Star Award to enable a graduate the opportunity to have his or her own new computer for their company and to recognize an outstanding graduate.

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Mentoring other small businesses through volunteerism is important to Technology Team's president, Sherry Green. "We have been blessed in our own efforts in starting a new business," Ms Green stated, "and we are delighted to be able assist others in their own entrepreneurial endeavors."

