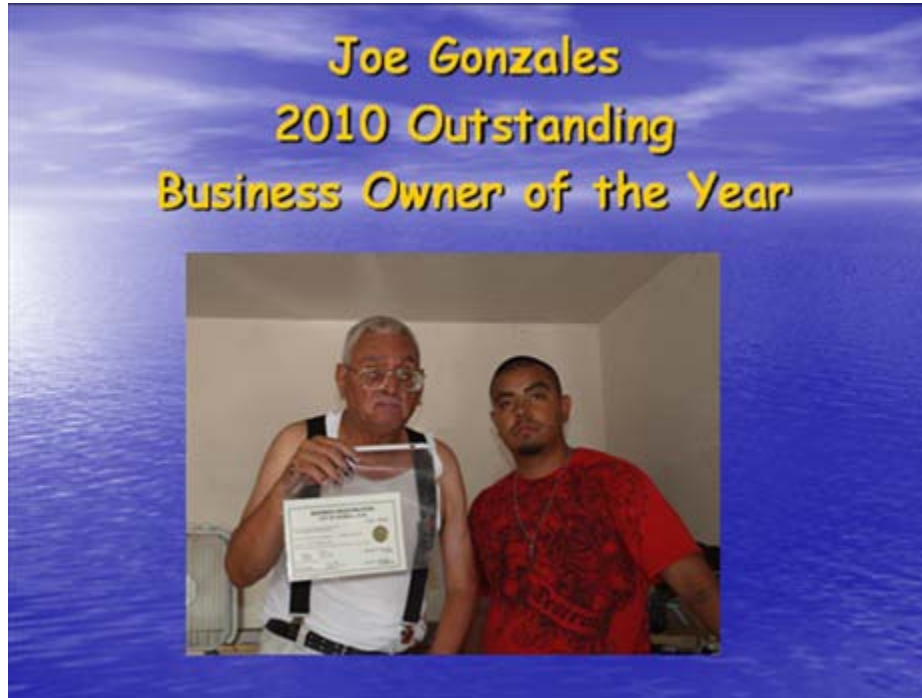


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**Joe Gonzales
2010 Outstanding Business Owner of the Year**

2010 DDSD DIRECTOR'S MEETING COMMUNITY INCLUSION AWARDS

Mr. Joe Gonzales is the 2010 Outstanding Business Owner of the Year. He is pictured here holding his business license with his direct support staff member, BiBi Ponce, who is featured also as an award winner.

Joe's business is called "Joe's Specialty Birdhouses". He chose this business because he loves working with tools and wood. Joe glues birdhouses together, clamps each piece with staff assistance, sands, paints, and screws the license plate on as a roof.

Joe likes to choose when and for how long he wants to work. Joe's team helped him write a business plan. He purchased start up supplies with a mini-grant from the Office Workers Program, available to Jackson Class Members.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation paid for all of the machinery and tools needed for the business which is set up in Joe's garage.

At the time of this award, Joe had 30 orders for these unique birdhouses which sell for \$30 each.

Congratulations to Joe Gonzales!



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BiBi Ponce
2010 Outstanding Employee:
Business Owner of the Year

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Mr. BiBi Ponce is the winner of the 2010 Outstanding Employee: Business Owner of the Year.

BiBi was nominated as the individual who most supported Joe Gonzales to achieve self-employment.

BiBi works for Tobosa and supports Joe Gonzales as a job coach.

BiBi Ponce is a great match for Joe as he is very talented with woodworking and freehand painting.

Bibi and Joe make a very dynamic team and always look forward to the next birdhouse to see where their creativity will take them.

Congratulations to BiBi Ponce!