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**Christie Elementary Literacy Specialist Wins National ‘Unsung Hero’ Award**

Jennifer Ruth, Christie Elementary School literacy specialist, is among 100 winners of the 2007 ING Unsung Heroes awards, a national endeavor, which helps fund innovative ideas and bring them to life in the classroom. She will now compete with other winners for one of three top prizes - an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000. Her teaching idea, “Take Home Teacher,” helps fill the skill gap for parents who want to supplement their child’s learning by providing them with parent-friendly learning materials for home use. Available in English and Spanish, the kits are provided on a variety of subject areas, outlining targeted activities to address students’ academic needs.

**(Pictured) Ms. Ruth, a former Christie Elementary School student and Plano Senior High School graduate, was honored during a recent presentation at Christie by Lisa Emmons with ING Financial Advisors.**

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