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The teamwork at the BRiCk is “like I’ve never seen before,” the City of Burleson’s 2011 Employee of the Year said.

Tammy Harrison was hired in May 2010, one month before the center’s grand opening. She is the recreation center accountant for the BRiCk (Burleson Recreation Center). Harrison maintains the BRiCk membership records and payments for more than 9,000 members and all purchasing for the park and recreation department.

Harrison was honored at the Dec. 7 annual City awards banquet hosted by SPJST. Also nominated for Employee of the Year was Sara Miller, the public services librarian supervisor for the Burleson Public Library.

The Houston native moved to Arlington with her family in 1984. Her mother is an accounting manager at All-Pro Fasteners Inc. in Arlington and her father, who died in 2003, worked in machine shops and as an auto mechanic. Harrison has a younger brother and younger sister.

The award winner and her husband, Rick, have three children: Justin, 24; Amber, 9; and Karli, 4. Harrison worked with T Bar Fence Inc. in Arlington as an accountant and office manager for 17 years but with two small children at home she was looking for something closer to Burleson. Then she saw the ad for the BRiCk.

“The ad described exactly what I had been doing all these years and the BRiCk is within two miles of my home,” she said.

Nine thousand members are a lot to keep track of, but the honoree said she is “very driven. Work comes before play. I am very meticulous and organized and have even been accused of being a little OCD. There is quite a bit to do in this job but I have learned how to work fast and efficiently.”

It doesn’t hurt that she works with “positive people” at the BRiCk. Harrison said “we sometimes have to come up with different ways to do things and everyone does their part without complaining. It’s just amazing. I look forward to coming to work every day. I’ve also had the chance to work with people in other City departments and with the employee health fair committee, service awards

committee, and as part of the team for the upcoming American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Burleson event.”

Harrison’s husband is a territory manager for Royal Cup Coffee. He was recognized as the Southwest Region Territory Manager of the Year in 2011. Son Justin is a junior high history teacher and track coach for the Lancaster school district.

The 2011 Employee of the Year said the City of Burleson “has made a very positive impact on my life as well as my family’s life. I hope to be here for many years to come.”