

# Collin County

## Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Tracie Tidwell

Honoree's Job Title: Legal Secretary II

Department: District Attorney

Years of Service with the County: 24

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

In October 2018, our office envisioned new ways to effectively handle narcotics cases and their resulting negative impact on our community. Over the next two years Tracie Tidwell was instrumental in helping that vision become a reality. She became and has remained the backbone of the first ever Collin County Narcotic Unit now known as the Drug Enforcement Assistance Division (DEAD).

When the idea was first floated, she volunteered without hesitation, which translated into more responsibilities, more casework and little to no downtime to get it all completed. Without complaint, she tirelessly built the physical files, created their electronic files, pulled docket for Grand Jury, handled subpoenas, routed officers, sent out returns for more information, carried out refusals, coordinated their respective lab reports, and drafted indictments. She also became the liaison and point of contact for the crime labs that analyze all the submitted narcotic evidence. Tracie's efforts resulted in increased accountability to the law as well as less total preindictment time in jail for those charged.

She is an amazing colleague and encompasses the true definition of what is means to be a team player. She grinds through her work, selflessly remains in the shadows just so others can shine. She deserves to be recognized for her tenacity, positivity and team player attitude.

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Approved by elected official or department head on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020



Signature of Elected Official  
or Department Head



Printed Name