

Collin County
Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Retha Barnhisel
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Voter Registration Clerk II

Department: Elections

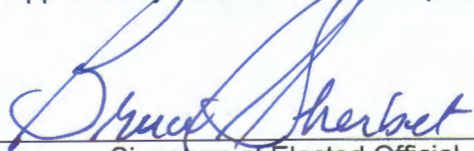
Years of Service with the County: 4 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Retha Barnhisel has demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to the Elections Department by taking on the incredibly challenging task of overseeing the assignment of election judges, alternate judges and clerks. She was also tasked with securing polling places for early voting and election day polling places for the 2020 elections. Her previous position in the Elections department was overseeing the front desk duties of the department. Historically, the Elections Department utilized several employees to assist in the assignment of poll workers and polling places. Because of substantial voter population increases in the county and the need to increase polling places by over 40%, the previously adopted method of using multiple employees overseeing poll workers and polling places was unfeasible, disconnected and in need of centralizing the duties. In February 2020, Retha accepted the responsibility of overseeing all polling place and poll worker functions in the Elections Department. It has been a gigantic and stressful responsibility that she has handled with grace and unwavering determination. She has overseen an historic increase in polling places and poll workers that are required for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Her leadership and calm demeanor in an extremely challenging and unusual year has definitely earned her the GEM Award.

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Approved by elected official or department head on the 21st day of Sept, 20 20


Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Bruce Sherbet
Printed Name