

Collin County
Going the **Extra Mile (GEM)** Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Ed Newsome

Honoree's Job Title: Lead Worker

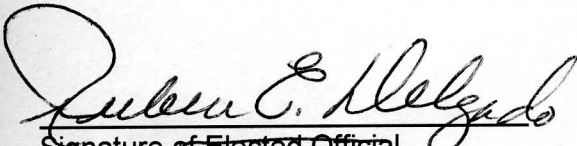
Department: Engineering/Myers Park

Years of Service with the County: 4+ years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Ed recreated the office for our Grounds positions. The current office had two large desks to be shared by all employees. Ed thought it would be good if each employee had his own space for their belongings, notes, etc. that each could call their own. He utilized shelving that was not being used by Facilities, by tearing it apart. Ed spent several hours of his own time to clean out the office, paint the walls, and then construct desk tops on three sides of the office space. Once built, Ed then stained and varnished the wood to give it a dark smooth surface. Ed was careful to notch out space for cords to reach plugs below. Taking chairs that were stored here at the park and plastic wall-mountable pockets already in the office, he created a desk space for seven employees. The office ordered desk organizers for each space to hold pens, paper clips, etc. so all have their own space and can work more efficiently. Ed was able to accomplish this and still maintain his regular work load. The office is a very inviting space with room for all employees comfortably.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 9th day of June, 2011


Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head

Ruben E. Delgado
Printed Name