

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Grace Powers

Honoree's Job Title: Epidemiologist

Department: Healthcare

Years of Service with the County: 1 yr

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Exceptional Efforts in Disease Investigation and Mitigation (September/October 2019)—

In recent weeks, the Epidemiology department has faced the challenge of a unique disease investigation affecting a variety of stakeholders in the community. Due to the time sensitivity and nature of the disease, Grace and the Epidemiology team have worked tirelessly to ensure all public health evaluations and interventions were performed promptly. Grace personally assisted in working through obstacles, often after normal work hours, to collect and prepare specimens for shipment. She worked diligently to help the patient and other affected individuals to expedite the processing of critical lab work and obtain appropriate medication. Grace's self-sacrifice to support the team was invaluable in responding to this event.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 16 day of October, 2019

Candy Blair
Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head

Candy Blair
Printed Name