

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Bret Fenster

Honoree's Job Title: GIS Supervisor

Department: IT/GIS

Years of Service with the County: 22

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Bret was responsible to much of our citizen-facing Elections effort for the Presidential. He and his team developed apps for voters to find their closest vote center. They also developed methods to present results shortly after the Elections.

Bret guided his staff in managing and maintaining our COVID Cases dashboard. The Collin County's version was the first in Texas to identify cases per city and rural areas. Bret was also instrumental in feeding COVID data to McKinney, Allen, Frisco and Plano so that they can create their own dashboards.

Bret is leading the Redistricting effort and building plans for JPs, Constables and Commissioners for their consideration. He is working directly with the Director of Administrative Services.

Behind the scenes, Bret is developing ways for us to best manage our spatial data. He is building out our "portal" so that our user departments can manage their own GIS projects.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 23 day of Sep, 2021

Caren R. Skipworth

Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head

Caren Skipworth

Printed Name

Carol R. Shipman