

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

Honoree's Job Title: Lead Juvenile Probation Officer

## Department: Juvenile Probation Department

Years of Service with the County: 12 Years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

On October 13, 2023, the juvenile probation department needed to execute a high-risk arrest warrant for a youth with a history of violently resisting arrest with police departments. This youth also presented with mental health concerns. Officer Falefia worked with law enforcement to coordinate and execute the detaining of the youth. Officer Falefia went above and beyond by developing a robust plan for additional officer support but more importantly, ensured all officers involved were informed of the child's history and mental health concerns.

Despite the well documented history of violence with this youth, Officer Falefia was able to manage the child's family and have the child safely taken into custody without incident. The coordination of this arrest without incident reduced liability for the department and eliminated additional trauma for the youth being subjected to another violent arrest. Great Job!

Approved by elected official or department head on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023

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H. Lynn Hadnot  
Printed Name