

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Felix Valdez
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Juvenile Court Liaison

Department: Juvenile Probation Services

Years of Service with the County: 8 years in July of 2021

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Type reason here and make sure to include dates. Name above needs to be name in PeopleSoft.

Court Officer Valdez has flawlessly represented our department on some very difficult cases. Most recently we received a letter from Judge Wheless praising the efforts of Mr. Valdez in the courtroom. There was an unusual case in which he was able to handle a very complicated legal proceeding in which three defendants were in court at the same time.

In the words of the Honorable Judge Wheless:

"Felix handled three kids culpability masterfully and the intensity of the lawyers did not change his position. He calmly game them some points that he legitimately agreed with and held his ground on others. He also testified to the parents very ably and they will all feel heard as a result of his testimony. All three lawyers have stellar credentials and gave him no quarter!"

In doing an outstanding job while representing three juveniles at once, Court Officer Valdez has gone the extra mile to ensure that our juveniles are well represented by the probation department. His efforts continue reflect professionalism in our court system and our county.

Approved by elected official or department head on the

27th day of April, 20 21



Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

H. Lynn Hadnot

Printed Name

