

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

Honoree's Name: Omayra Zapata

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Initial</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
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Honoree's Job Title: Juvenile Supervision Officer

Department: Juvenile Detention

Years of Service with the County: 2 months

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Officer Zapata has only been with our department a short time but has already made a huge impact. We had a resident who was about to be released from our post-adjudication program. CPS was unable to find a placement for this child. Officer Zapata took it upon herself to utilize some of the contacts she had kept from her previous job as a case manager. She worked diligently to find a foster family for this young lady even on her days off from work. Officer Zapata found a family for her and made the arrangements with our probation department. The juvenile was released to the family on 1-11-23 and she is doing well. Officer Zapata helped a 15 year old girl to have a home and a family to care for her. Officer Zapata's actions have changed this child's life. She is to be commended for her diligence.

Approved by elected official or department head on
the

27th day of Jan. ,20 23

**Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head**

H. Lynn Hadnot

Printed Name

