

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

Honoree's Name: Candace Shannon

Honoree's Job Title: **Administrative Secretary**

Department: **Detention Services**

Years of Service with the County: **5**

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

In an effort to reduce operating costs, Administrative Secretary Candace Shannon researched repair options for inmate mattresses. She found a vendor who offered vinyl mattress covers and repair sealant. Candace requested free samples to test their products. After a successfully repairing a mattress, she purchased a trial run of 50 covers. During this trial period, we were able to repair 4 out of every 5 damaged mattresses. Detention typically goes through 100 mattresses or more each year costing around \$4,860.00. The cost of 100 mattress covers is only \$2,369.40, resulting in a 51.2% savings. Administrative Secretary Candace Shannon's commitment to manageable and cost-effective operations make her a great candidate for the GEM Award.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 28th day of April, 2025

Jim Skinner  
Signature of Elected Official  
City of Somersworth

**Signature of Elected Official  
Or Department Head**

Jim Skinner Sheriff

Printed Name