

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Marie Chacon
First Name: Marie Middle Initial: Last Name: Chacon

Honoree's Job Title: Budget Technician

Department: SO Administration

Years of Service with the County: 25

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

In April 2020, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) stopped picking up or accepting prisoners from local County Jails because of the COVID 19 pandemic. This cessation caused a backlog of inmates in the Collin County Detention Facility and pushed inmate capacities to the limit. In late July 2020, TDCJ agreed to accept 49 Collin County Prisoners, but required the Sheriff's Office to make the transport. Sheriff's Office personnel had never done a transport of this size, and were not equipped to do so.

A plan was developed to rent a bus large enough to accommodate all 49 inmates and security staff for the trip. As far as anyone knew, this had never been done. Marie Chacon was instrumental in helping select a vendor, negotiate price, and navigate the approval process through the County Auditor's Office and the Purchasing Office to secure a bus for the transport. Her vast budget experience and knowledge of county processes were invaluable.

On August 10, 2020, the Collin County Sheriff's Office successfully transported 49 inmates in a single trip to a TDCJ unit in Huntsville, Texas. The success of this trip was due in large part to the behind the scenes efforts of Marie Chacon. She certainly went the "extra mile" to accomplish this mission and is worthy of the G.E.M. Award.

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Approved by elected official or department head on the 15th day of Sept ,20 20



Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner
Printed Name