Collin County
Going the **E**xtra **M**ile (**GEM**) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Mary Collins

Honoree's Job Title: Lead Clerk, Vital Statistics

Department: County Clerk

Years of Service with the County: 30+

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Creation of Kids' Corner and recipient of multiple Five Star Vital Registration Awards from the State

1. The County Clerk's office would like to nominate Mary Collins, Vitals Lead Clerk, for the GEM Award. Mary created Kids' Corner in the County Clerk's office. Kids' Corner is a place designated to occupy the children of customers to the County Clerk's office. Mary used an old table which was in storage and, with her own funds, purchased books, puzzles and crayons to keep on the table. Children are able to entertain themselves, with their parents close by, which allows their parents to conduct their business faster and more efficiently. As a result of faster service, the wait time for all customers is reduced, thereby greatly improving the work flow in the County Clerk's office.

2. Mary Collins is also responsible for the County Clerk's office being the recipient year after year of the Five Star Vital Registration Award from the State Registrar. The award is presented each year at the annual Vital Statistics Conference in Austin. To qualify for this award local registrars must meet timeliness, training and registration management criteria set by the TDSHS Vital Statistics Unit.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 30th day of Jan, 2014

Stacey Kemp
Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head

Stacey Kemp
Printed Name