

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

Honoree's Name: John-Mark Meulman

Honoree's Job Title: Counselor

Department: Substance Abuse

Years of Service with the County: 5 ½ months

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

During an assessment Mr. Mark's young client admitted a purposeful overdose intended for suicide the evening prior to meeting with Mr. Mark. Mr. Mark alerted the relative the adolescent's intent the prior evening to commit suicide. This relative was obviously upset with this news and unknowing of what to do Mr. Mark took the time to explain to the relative what they can do and what needed to be done. Mr. Mark called several mobile suicide assessors who were not able to respond quickly to the client's need. John -Mark took the time to talk extensively to this adolescent to help the client calm down. With the counsel of Mr. Mark this adolescent calmed down and willingly left with the relative to accept help and submit to psychiatric services. Mr. Mark took the extra time to call several area psychiatric hospitals to find one that would accept this client as a walk-in to provide services. Mr. Mark made a solid judgment call that may have saved this young client's life! Mr. Mark didn't give up until he knew this child would be taken care of.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 12 day of January, 2017

Candy Blair, HCA
Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Candy Blair
Printed Name