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

Honoree's Name: Mara Collins

Honoree's Job Title: Supervision Officer

Department: Community Supervision and Corrections Department

Years of Service with the County: 5

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

I, Anthony Wiseman, Supervisor, Collin County CSCD would like to recommend that Ms. Mara Collins receive a GEM award for her participation in facilitating a Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) class in the Sheriff's Convicted ReEntry Effort (SCORE Program). MRT is a congnitive behaviorial program " designed to enhance self image, promote growth of a positive identity, and facilitate the development of higher stages of moral reasoning." MRT is evidence based and research shows that MRT is effective in reducing rearrests and reincarceration of offenders. Earlier this year,Collin County CSCD decided to make MRT one of the core classes in the SCORE Program. At that time, Ms. Collins volunteered to be trained as an MRT facilitator and facilitate a class in SCORE. She completed the 32 hour facilitator training in September of 2013 and since that time she has been facilitating an MRT group. Ms. Collins has taken on this additional task while maintaining all of her regular job duties and functions. Being an MRT facilitator requires several hours weekly preparing course material and facilitating the group. As started earlier, her participation in MRT is voluntary and in addition to her regular job duties. Her participation in MRT exhibits her unselfish dedication and commitment to service .

Approved by elected official or department head on the 19 day of June, 2014

R. L. Hughes
Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head

Bob Hughes
Printed Name