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**GUADALUPE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
ANNOUNCES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**Santa Rosa** – The Guadalupe County Correctional Facility (GCCF) is pleased to announce the selection of Zenaida Bridges as our facility’s Volunteer of the Year. Bridges is being recognized for almost 10 years of dedicated and faithful service, laboring to ensure that the spiritual needs of the inmates are met.

While Bridges is employed as a full-time case manager in the facility’s Classification department, she has enthusiastically volunteered her personal time, serving as the Roman Catholic Communion Service Minister and Lector. In addition, she is active as the staff sponsor of the prison Roman Catholic Club, and as a pastoral council member, communion minister and lector in the Santa Rosa De Lima Parish.

Bridges has distinguished herself among a fine and dedicated group of facility volunteers. GCCF is proud and pleased to have more than 92 loyal and dedicated volunteers serving an inmate population of over 600. They tirelessly and unselfishly provide a critical service to our facility, our community, and our state.

The New Mexico Corrections Department will host its annual Volunteer Appreciation Conference on Saturday, April 25, 2009 to honor all prison Volunteers of the Year for 2008. The conference will be held at Grace Church located in Albuquerque. The Corrections Department has approximately 1000 volunteers and 6500 inmates incarcerated in 11 facilities statewide. If you are interested in becoming a prison volunteer, please contact Chaplain Kevin Opatz for more information at 575-472-1001 extension 130.

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