

Ana del Rocio Valenzuela Garzon

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Ana del Rocio Valenzuela Garzon was born in Ecuador. She lived in Venezuela for 20 years before moving to Canada in 2018. She moved to Canada with her husband and two children. She has two degrees in Marketing and Business Administration. She has worked as a Commercial and Marketing Manager International Sales Representative. In the future she hopes to work in a Bank. She desires to guide and support newcomers with their financial needs. In her spare time she enjoys volunteering, crafts, reading and spending time with her children.

Ana was referred to CIWA for employment support. Soon after becoming a client Ana began volunteering. She volunteers on a regular basis with Grandma's Kitchen and Self-Esteem Program as a Group Assistant in multiple locations. Ana helps with activities, cooking, mentoring and more. She has helped many CIWA clients with interpretation. In addition she supports immigrant senior women through My Community My Home Program.

She knows she is making a difference and is honoured to give back to a country that has offered her so much. Ana feels supported and cared for by CIWA Staff. Her English has improved because of volunteering. As well volunteering has helped her stay grounded and in touch with reality. Ana loves seeing immigrant women smile, light up and laugh as they come together. She enjoys being able to give women a voice, through interpretation, when they are in court. She has gained valuable Canadian workplace experience.

Ana is kind, compassionate and patient. She has desire to support the work of CIWA. Ana is reliable and punctual. She always arrives early to groups and helps prepare food and activities. She is very considerate and always puts the needs of clients first. She has made a difference to the lives of immigrant seniors who attend our groups. Ana listens and cares for the needs of CIWA clients. She goes over and above the call of duty, her attention to detail is impeccable and is greatly appreciated by CIWA staff and clients. Ana enjoys sharing her recipes and cultural history from her South American homeland.

Congratulations Ana for being Volunteer of the Month!



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