Sara Burhan

Sara Burhan is originally from Pakistan and moved to Canada as a new bride almost two years ago. While in Pakistan she was a private teacher/tutor, before being hired by a local school. Sara has a background in Pakistani Sign Language, as she is a Child of Deaf Adults (CODA). She is currently learning American Sign Language. She hopes to become an American Sign Language Interpreter. Some of her hobbies include teaching, cooking, painting, drawing and creating art with thread.

Sara began her journey with CIWA as a client. Her counselor recommended that she become involved in the community through volunteer work. Sara started volunteering to help others, but it soon became her passion. She currently assists with the Low Literacy Employment Program in various ways such as mock interviews, resuming writing, job search and filling out applications. Sara has also volunteered as a Computer Assistant, Teacher Assistant and Workshop Facilitator. Further, Sara has volunteered with the Cross-Cultural Parenting Program and has provided Interpretation services for clients. She enjoys volunteering as she can connect with immigrant women and isn't just doing a job.

Sara is grateful for the opportunity to volunteer at CIWA, as it makes her feel valuable and proud to able to contribute to a great cause. Additionally, volunteering has helped her feel independent. CIWA helps her and other clients believe they can do anything.

CIWA is honoured to recognize Sara for her hard work. She is a very dynamic and energetic volunteer. She is quick to learn the skills required to help clients seeking employment. She is an active listener and genuinely cares for CIWA clients. CIWA staff appreciates Sara as she is a community-minded young woman who is committed to building her skills and helping those who are experiencing difficulty. She has been an excellent resource for the Modular clients by assisting them, and helping them find work.

Congratulations Sara for being Volunteer of the Month for October!

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