

# Selam Garhilasi

Selam Garhilasi was born and raised in Sudan and proudly speaks of her Eritrean heritage. In Sudan, She was a middle school teacher for several years. In 2016 she moved to Canada with her mother. Selam knew her mother needed to get connected and started looking for services and came across CIWA. While at CIWA she learned about volunteer opportunities, she tried different roles until she found the perfect fit- classroom support to Pebbles in the Sand Program. Selam loves helping out in the classroom. She helps translates Tigrinya but encourages students to speak English. In the classroom, she assists with translation, individual support, small groups, field trips and much more. She has learned different teaching techniques. Selam enjoys seeking ways to help and make a difference.

Selam sees the value CIWA staff have as they are making a difference in the lives of students and her life. CIWA staff helped her find her way in Canada and provided her with excellent support. She doesn't feel lonely now that she has made connections with other people in Calgary. Selam was chosen as volunteer of the month because she is committed and always ready and eager to help others learn. Selam is a natural teacher, with an incredible intuition in the classroom. She is a quick learner, warm and patient with clients and willing to accept new challenges. Selam is currently busy with volunteering and working two jobs. In the future, she would like to be a Social Worker to assist newcomers to Canada. She also has aspirations to learn and play the organ.

Congratulations Selam for being Volunteer of the Month for June!

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



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