

# Cristina Ojeda

Cristina Ojeda, originally from Ecuador, came to Canada two and a half years ago. Cristina has a background in Computer Science from the National Polytechnic School in Quito, Ecuador. Cristina also received a diploma certificate in Culinary Arts from the Chef's Centre in Quito. Before she came to Canada she worked as a Technology and Computer Assistant and as a chef. She currently works part time in a daycare and in her spare time enjoys reading, making crafts, knitting and cooking.

Cristina volunteers for the Arts and Crafts group helping the women with their craftsmanship. When she first came to Canada she was afraid and lacked confidence. When Cristina came to CIWA she found help and opportunities. She enjoys volunteering, because it gives her the capability to get involved in Canadian culture and practice her English skills. Cristina enjoys being able to share her strengths and skills to help other immigrant women facing the same journey she once had.

Cristina is a very active participant in the Arts and Crafts group and is always eager to involve the women in new activities. She is supportive, reliable and good at providing guidance to new members. Cristina is an excellent role model for others and incorporates CIWA's values into her daily life.

With extreme gratitude we are pleased to announce Cristina as the Volunteer of the Month for October 2012

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