

Elizabeth Muia

Elizabeth Muia, originally from Kenya, has been in Canada for 3 years. She graduated with a BA in Sociology and Economics from Kenya. She worked for 5 years in the government as a Children's Officer and for 10 years as a Social Worker with Doctors without Borders (MSF). She then moved to USA where she completed her Masters in Health Services Administration from George Washington University in Washington, DC. In Canada she completed a Diploma course in Medical Office Administration from Reeves College. She has also been working since August 2013 as a Patient Care Coordinator at the Breast Cancer Supportive Care Foundation. In her free time she enjoys sleeping, swimming, travelling, cooking, eating food from various cultures and spending time with her three children.

Elizabeth first came to CIWA as a client for the Settlement Program. After a little while she wanted to give back and began volunteering. She currently volunteers in the LINC evening program as a Teacher's Assistant helping students, twice a week. She has also helped with some of CIWA's special events and Youth Race at Heritage Park.

Elizabeth likes volunteering because she can give back to the community. When she first came to Canada, she had a chance to benefit from CIWA's free services. So now she wants to help other newcomers with their settlement in Canada. She has always been interested in working with marginalized populations. Back in Kenya she was helping people in the slums. So giving back to people is part of her personality and she is always willing to aid others. Her long term dream is to be a social worker here in Canada.

Elizabeth is caring, compassionate and energetic. She is very good at explaining things to others in a way they will understand. She is also able to work independently and shows initiative in finding unique ways to help people. Elizabeth does a great job at helping the students develop their skills in a constructive and meaningful way. She goes out of her way to converse with students before and after class to practice their English. She has been such a positive influence on the clients and she is very appreciated at CIWA.

With great pleasure, CIWA recognizes Elizabeth as the Volunteer of the Month for February!

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