Fakhry S. Azad

Fakhry S. Azad is originally from Iran, but has been in Canada for 7 years, and is now a Canadian Citizen. She has a Bachelor's of Science, Masters of Science and her most recent degree was a PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Adelaide in Australia. She was working at the University of Calgary for 6 years as a research associate, performing research, mentoring, assisting and supervising students. She currently volunteers her time in the community. In her free time she enjoys studying, reading novels, sewing, knitting and gardening.

Fakhry volunteers in CIWA's NFNG program, Grandma's Kitchen and she helps with interpretation. Outside of CIWA she works on a board as the Vice President for the Iranian Cultural Society of Calgary. She is also a member of a Hamrahan (Farsi women's community) Group and volunteers at the Native Centre in the University of Calgary. She hosted new Iranian students until they found alternative residences, and hosted a family in her house during the 2013 Calgary flood.

Fakhry enjoys volunteering as she feels great helping other people. It is a satisfying job and she has the chance to learn many new things. She believes it is beneficial for our social environments as a whole, when we help other people, and they are happy. It improves societal relationships. She has also been a newcomer in both Australia and Canada before so she understands the difficulties of this and wants to help other newcomers adjust and integrate.

Fakhry is very skilled, reliable and independent. She is a caring person and passionate about her volunteering. She always takes joy in seeing her clients grow and improve because of her involvement and help. Fakhry goes out of her way in order to help various groups. She has joined trainings and co-facilitated as much as possible when the need arose. She is an engaged team player who is always willing to support others in the team and actively seeks volunteer opportunities.

With great pleasure, CIWA recognizes Fakhry as the Volunteer of the Month for May!

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