

# Fatemeh Abolghasemi

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Fatemeh Abolghasemi is originally from Iran but she has also lived in Australia and most recently London for many years. She has been in Canada since July of 2013. Fatemeh has her Master's Degree in International Law from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. In London she worked as a registrar for a College affiliated with the Middlesex University. When she was in Iran on Holiday she met her husband. She then moved to Canada shortly after this time to be with him. In her free time she likes shopping, the theatre and arts and crafts.

Fatemeh currently volunteers for the Fish Creek NFNG group as a facilitator. She also helps the Volunteer Program with administrative tasks, data management and orientation sessions. Sometimes she will help with special events like the Casino and occasionally interpretation.

Fatemeh likes volunteering as it gives her the chance to socialize and meet new people. She also really enjoys helping others and making a difference in their lives. She has learned many new skills while volunteering.

Fatemeh is friendly, cooperative, flexible and reliable. She is proactive and will take initiative with tasks. She is also enthusiastic and sensitive to the needs of others which have made the clients feel very safe and secure with her. She has been able to increase the capacity of the Volunteer Program to respond quicker and more efficiently by developing streamlined spreadsheets to capture program activities. She is very knowledgeable about CIWA programs and services so has been able to help clients very effectively. Fatemeh shines in everything that she does and always gives her best effort with a warm and welcoming smile.

CIWA is very grateful for Fatemeh's commitment and dedication and we are proud to announce her as the Volunteer of the Month for September.



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