

Nisha Shanmugam

Nisha Shanmugam, originally from Malaysia, came to Montreal in 2000. She has her Bachelor of Law from the University of London, UK and worked as a lawyer when she lived in Malaysia. When she came to Montreal, she worked as a legal assistant for an immigration lawyer, while she completed a diploma program in Computer Graphics from Rosemont Technology Centre. She also completed a diploma program in Business Administration and received an entrepreneurship award. After completing these certifications, Nisha worked in print media publications for a while.

When Nisha came to Calgary in 2007, she started and ran a franchise for 3 years. She also completed her Floral Design Certificate from the University of Mount Royal. She soon thought life was getting too busy and did not have enough meaning, so decided to devote her next few years to volunteering and giving back to the community. In a few months, she will be working towards her Youth and Child Human Rights certification from the University of Mount Royal. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, reading, teaching, listening to music and flower arrangement.

Nisha volunteers with CIWA 5 days a week with the Volunteer Program completing various tasks. She also helps with settlement and integration, the legal clinic and interpretation.

Nisha enjoys volunteering, as she loves embracing the unfamiliar and helping those in need. With volunteering, she has the opportunity to help as many people as she can. She is a lifetime learner so she finds she learns a lot from volunteering while gaining experience. Her vision is to eventually represent human rights for women and youth in the United Nations.

Nisha is a very dedicated and committed volunteer and is always willing to take on new tasks no matter how challenging they are. She is very detail oriented and organized. She always makes sure tasks are done promptly and with the best quality. Nisha's warm smile and exuberant spirit bring life and joy to the volunteer department. You can always count on her energy to brighten your day.

With extreme gratitude, we are pleased to announce Nisha as the Volunteer of the Month for May 2013.

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