

Rizel May Iniego

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Rizel May Iniego was born in the Philippines. When she was in her teens she moved to Italy where she completed her last year of high school and studied Industrial Chemistry in college. She worked there for a few years in administration prior to moving to Canada in 2012. Currently she is training to be a financial advisor. One day she hopes to study to be an interpreter/translator and receive a certificate in that field of study. Rizel enjoys cooking and baking, especially Filipino and Italian foods. She also enjoys hiking, visiting the mountains and reading.

While attending a child fair for immigrants she met CIWA's Filipino Community Development Program Co-ordinator. She has volunteered with that program ever since. Some of her volunteering duties include assisting at various events, performing intakes, assist new comers, data entry, surveys, registrations etc.

She believes that volunteering has helped her become more engaged in the community and knows that being involved is crucial to becoming settled in Canada. During her time in Italy she did a lot of volunteering with immigrants, so she understands the needs of an immigrant. She also enjoys learning about new cultures, and has formed friendships with people through her contacts. Rizel is very passionate about helping people and seeing them realize their full potential. She also says that her leadership skills have been enhanced through volunteering at CIWA.

Rizel is being honored because she often goes beyond her volunteering duties at CIWA. She believes in what CIWA does and constantly promotes the agency to her friends and acquaintances. She is a very skilled and independent volunteer who works well with fellow volunteers and staff. She is open to new learnings and experiences, easily follows instructions and works well with fellow volunteers and staff.

Congratulations Rizel May for being volunteer of the month for October!



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