

# Vandana Sharma

Four years ago Vandana Sharma moved from India and made her new home in Calgary. In her home country she was a Clinical Psychologist and a Science Teacher. She is passionate about being able to utilize her skills in her volunteer roles where she can help equip and empower other people. Her aspiration is to work in the non-profit sector as a counsellor.

Vandana was first introduced to CIWA when she attended a community event. She was drawn to the diversity of services and volunteer opportunities available to her. She graduated from the LMB Translation and Interpretation Program and has since been placed in many roles for translation and interpretation. She has been a volunteer with CIWA for over a year and a half in various programs. She has volunteered for the Youth Program as a co-facilitator at a High School in the city in an Multi-Cultural Girls in Action Group, co-facilitates a New Friends and Neighbourhood Group and continues to offer her skills as both a translator and interpreter. She has also volunteered with the Chinese Seniors Group and Civic Engagement's Train-the-Trainer.

She says CIWA has helped her in many ways and she is proud to be able to give back by volunteering in as many roles as possible. Her confidence has grown and she has gained a deep appreciation for the support she receives from staff. Vandana has thrived and flourishes in her experiences at CIWA. She receives great satisfaction knowing that she is not just impacting the client but their families as well.

We proudly honour Vandana because of the tremendous work she does for our organization. She is highly reliable and trustworthy. She is very professional and represents CIWA to the best of her abilities. She is a great team player and can be counted on to help out. Her passion and love for CIWA shines through in everything she does.

Congratulations Vandana for being Volunteer of the Month for May!

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