## **Victoria Peterson**

Victoria Peterson was born and raised in the Philippines. She lived in Iceland before moving to Canada in 2015 with her husband and daughter. Victoria instantly felt at home in Canada and feels grateful to live in Calgary. Before moving to Canada, she studied accounting. Currently, she works as a Mortgage Advisor. She enjoys exploring Calgary, meeting new people, finding new things to do and troubleshooting computer issues with friends and family.

Victoria heard about CIWA not long after arriving in Calgary. She began seeking volunteer opportunities, and it was at that time she got connected with CIWA. Victoria has volunteered for over a year with the Filipino Community Development Program. Victoria makes follow up phone calls, provides support in a variety of workshops, volunteers at family picnics, Christmas events and more. She is looking forward to volunteering for the upcoming tax clinics as she would like to do taxes on a regular basis.

She loves volunteering for CIWA as she knows she is making a difference in the lives of others. Victoria says that CIWA is her home and a place that has given her a sense of belonging. Volunteering has opened her up; she enjoys talking to people and telling them about CIWA and other services in the city. CIWA is where she can connect, support and help people move in the right direction.

Victoria is the volunteer of the month due to her passion and dedication to delivering excellent results in her volunteer role. She is highly reliable and trustworthy. Victoria has offered advice that has enhanced workshops which have provided better services to clients. Her understanding, patience and humour allow her to connect in meaningful ways with clients. She has made a remarkable impact in lives of CIWA clients and the Filipino Community Development Program.

Congratulations Victoria for being Volunteer of the Month for March!

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



