

# Hanife Cushman

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Hanife Cushman was born in Cyprus, but came to Calgary when she was only a baby. As a young adult she attended university in both Cyprus and Calgary, and afterwards lived in Holland for nearly two years. Hanife holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from University of Calgary. She is currently employed at a small engineering firm working with contracts and business development. In her free time she loves volunteering, hiking, cycling, mountain biking, running and generally enjoying the outdoors.

Hanife volunteers in the Youth Mentorship Program helping with administration, outreach and promotion as well as resource development. She also volunteers with the Action Coalition against Human Trafficking. This organization raises awareness about trafficking and collaborates with like minded organizations to raise support and funds for the cause.

Hanife enjoys volunteering, because it has made her aware of all of the help and support groups available in Calgary. She believes that volunteering your time is more valuable than money and a selfless way to help other people.

Hanife is a diligent, punctual, responsible and reliable volunteer. She has been very important to the Youth Mentorship Program and has the commitment and work ethic of a paid staff member. Hanife has made a huge contribution to the facilitator's manual and always gives her best effort when working for CIWA.

With extreme gratitude, we are pleased to announce Hanife as the Volunteer of the Month for November 2012.



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