

Jane Peralta

On July 1, 2014, Jane Peralta and her 11 year old son stepped off the plane in Vancouver. They had no idea they had arrived on a special day when Canadians celebrate the birth of the country. She was warmly welcomed and was given a Canada Flag. She said it was a fun way to come to a new country. Jane grew up in the Philippines where she was an Emergency Room nurse. After a few years she switched careers and went into the legal field. She says that law is something that has always interested her and it is her first choice for a career path.

In October of 2014 Jane attended a Filipino Community event where she met the Coordinator for CIWA's Filipino Community Development Program. Immediately Jane signed up to volunteer for this program as well as CIWA's Legal Clinic. Her job duties include: office support, interviewing clients, follow-up telephone calls, surveys, client intakes, workshop support, translation and hostess. Jane's contribution to CIWA is invaluable and deeply appreciated by many staff.

Jane says that volunteering at CIWA has greatly helped make Canada her home. She is happy to be able to give back to this country and to invest in the lives of others. Volunteering has helped her learn Canadian workplace values and culture and helped her learn 'the Canadian way'. She enjoys working with diverse cultures, helping people, meeting others and hearing their stories. Jane also says that as someone who has experienced reunification with her husband, she is better able to advocate for others who are going through the same experience.

She places her family first and enjoys spending as much time as possible with her husband and son. She likes going for picnics, shopping but most especially she enjoys being at home and going to church.

Jane is being recognized as Volunteer of the Month because of her passion and dedication with CIWA's clients. She is relaxed and calm in her telephone manner which develops a bond of trust with the clients. No matter what is asked of her she does it passionately and is extremely reliable. No matter what is asked of her she does it with excellence and enthusiasm.

We are honoured to recognize Jane as Volunteer of the Month for July. Congratulations Jane!

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