

# Jocelyn Echenique

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Jocelyn Echenique was born in the Philippines but lived in Iran for 15 years. When she came to Canada she lived in Halifax then Edmonton and eventually came to Calgary in July of 2010. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Commerce with a major in Management. In her free time she likes browsing the internet, writing, walking, yoga and she tries to keep fit and healthy.

Jocelyn volunteers with CIWA's Volunteer Program with interpretation and data entry. She also helps out with the Filipino Community Development Program, special events, the Civic Engagement Program as a facilitator, the CE Women's Group, the Breast Health Project as a facilitator and is currently on the International Women's Day planning committee.

Jocelyn enjoys volunteering because she gets the chance to meet different people and learn new things. She says that "when you first come to a place you feel lost, but at CIWA you feel like you belong somewhere." She learns a lot from all the workshops available at CIWA and she feels that the people here are very warm and friendly. The sense of community is very motivating and makes her feel accepted. Jocelyn believes that "everything we do even if it is a little job, it part of our mission in life. The life that we have is not ours to keep but ours to share."

Jocelyn is a very dedicated volunteer. She is very reliable, hard working and efficient. She is always positive and gives 100% of her effort. She is there when you need her and her kind nature, empathy and smile bring light to CIWA and clients feel very comfortable with her.

With extreme gratitude we are pleased to announce Jocelyn as the Volunteer of the Month for February 2012.



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