

# Marie Kopp-van Egteren

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Marie Kopp-van Egteren is originally from Canada. Her background is in Engineering from the University of Calgary. She currently works as a Rates Analyst for the Alberta Utilities Commission. She can speak English and French and would like to learn sign language. In her free time she enjoys reading, camping, board games, music, hiking and travelling.

Marie has volunteered as a Youth Mentorship Program Mentor for 2 years now. She has taken on 3 mentees that are new to Canada and helped them with their integration and confidence. She has taken a leadership role during the last 2 Youth Forums and has encouraged and led the younger girls in planning activities and organizing booths. She also was helping with the homework club.

Marie enjoys volunteering as she gets a chance to meet new and interesting people in the community. As a mentor you are paired with one or two youth and you can share your expertise with them. You also have the chance to learn from your mentee. She really likes the concept of mentorship and thinks it is an ideal way for newcomers to integrate.

Marie has been dedicated and committed to the program. She is organized and always reports back on time. She doesn't shy away from constructive feedback and always tries to help improve the program. She attends all the events, sets a good example and encourages the mentees to be more involved in the community and take leadership roles to achieve their goals.

With great pleasure, CIWA recognizes Marie as the Volunteer of the Month for April!



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