## **Noemi Garcia**

Noemi Garcia, originally from Mexico, has been in Canada since 1996. Noemi has been retired for 10 years but her background was as a professional folk dancer in Mexico. Noemi currently dances in Calgary with a senior's Polish folk dance ensemble. In her free time she enjoys reading books, swimming, being creative, making things with her hands and dancing.

Noemi volunteers with CIWA's Senior Arts and Crafts group on Thursdays, the card making class on Mondays, the sewing group on Tuesdays and assists the Arts and Crafts and Volunteer programs when required. Noemi loves volunteering because she loves to help teach the other women new skills. Noemi feels like CIWA is her second home and the people at CIWA are her family. She loves how many people she has been able to meet during her time here.

Noemi is a very dedicated, committed and loyal volunteer at CIWA. She is a strong role model for many other immigrant women and is a firm supporter of CIWA's mission and values. She strongly believes in the work that CIWA is doing to improve the lives of immigrant women and their families. Her energy and enthusiasm is infectious and she is a warm and friendly teacher to the other women. Noemi is always willing to help.

With extreme gratitude we are pleased to announce Noemi as the Volunteer of the Month for August 2011.

## OF THE MONTH



