

Pranami Bhattacharya

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Pranami Bhattacharya, originally from India, has lived in Calgary for two years. In India, she received a Bachelor's Degree in Education and worked as a teacher. She taught preschool children and then furthered her training by working in a Montessori School teaching Grade 5 students. Her family moved from India to Kuwait when her son was very small. Pranami then devoted her time to being at home and raising her son for the next several years. She moved to Calgary in 2011.

Pranami started volunteering at CIWA in April of 2013. She has helped with the Senior's Conversation group, tutoring for the Arts and Crafts group, interpretation, Links to Success, administration, reception, administrative support and training for the Volunteer Program, various special events and much more. She has taken Computer Training classes at CIWA and looks forward to helping with upcoming special events, such as International Women's Day.

Pranami enjoys volunteering because she knows the importance of giving back to society. She appreciates the experiences that she has gained and the chance to meet and connect with people from all over the world. Being an immigrant herself she knows the hurdles and barriers immigrants face. She is trying to help fellow new comers in as many ways as possible. Through volunteering at CIWA she finds that she is able to help immigrants establish their new lives in Canada. She is delighted that CIWA has given her that opportunity to grow and develop herself and her administrative skills and she wants to further her career in Administration. She is grateful to CIWA because of how her life has been enriched.

Pranami is committed, organized and dedicated to CIWA. She is always friendly and enthusiastic about her work. Her unique ability to connect with people and help them feel at ease is appreciated and recognized by both staff and clients. She follows instructions and conveys messages clearly. She handles difficult situations emphatically and supports clients with dignity and care. She always keeps in mind that clients are the reason for our work and there is no job too big or small for her.

With our absolute pleasure we are pleased to announce Pranami Bhattacharya as Volunteer of the Month for October 2013.



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