

# Employee's Matter! August 2009

## Marylenn Cortes

Marylenn is a bubbly, kind hearted, soft spoken, fun loving, non-judgmental 27 year old woman who was born in Milan Italy. She was raised in the Philippines and decided to move to Calgary in July of 2008. Marylenn has been with Resourceful Futures now for 8 months. Each day she arrives with a sincere smile on her face and a warm personality that people always enjoy. She is defiantly a "people person."

Before working in the field of serving individuals with disabilities Marylenn had achieved many other experiences and accomplishments such as a degree in bachelor's of science and biology, and also had studied medicine for three and a half years before coming to Canada. Once she arrived she applied for a job at Resourceful Futures after looking online at random jobs that could classify as health care related. Marylenn applied to our agency and was called the next day for an interview. Not long after she began working with Resourceful. She was given one of our clients who have Autism to support. They have been a great match since day one.

In the beginning it seemed Marylenn was a bit shy however it did not take her long to fit in here and open her mind to all the clients and staff and the general day to day routine.

Marylenn has a positive attitude towards challenges. She has learned a lot about patience and dealing with difficult behaviors, and also sometimes the challenges of the workplace. Marylenn is glad she found herself in this industry because of the gratification of making a difference in the community and in the lives of our clients.

I can say with confidence that Marylenn's good nature is contagious and that she is an inspiration to us all. So thank you again to Marylenn for being a great role model for us all.

-Written by Johna Grant