

Employee's Matter! Sept 2009.

Derwin Buting

During the 2008/2009 Employer of Choice service excellence advisors presentations, we were presented with a phrase that I feel suits this situation. "If your client could choose their support staff, would they choose you?" I can say with certainty that Derwin Buting would be a number one choice for many of our participating individuals. His can-do, unwavering positive attitude brings a smile to almost everyone in our day room, every day.

Derwin grew up in Calgary Alberta, the youngest in a family of four. He is the Co-leader of the Calgary Chinese Baptist youth group, which defines his leadership skills and his sense of fun. His future aspiration would be to work with children in a specialized field.

He works hard, plays hard and manages to combine the two with ease and professionalism that is hard to match. His humor is a welcome addition to every day interactions with clients and staff alike. Always with an encouraging word for anyone who is struggling, and an infectious 'let's go' attitude, he manages to uplift everyone he comes in contact with and even inspires them to go that extra mile, to succeed and rise above any adversity.

Derwin came to Resourceful futures to complete his Practicum for Applied Behavioral Sciences and has since remained on staff! He tells proudly that since working for RFCSL he has learned to stop and enjoy the simple things life has to offer. He also learned that each and every individual's needs are diverse.

At the end of the day, he says that he feels like he has been a positive influence on individual's lives, and I can't help but agree.

Of himself, he tells us "I believe that I am handsome and ridiculously good looking! On top of that, I bring laughter and patience."

A quote that he offered and lives up to:

"One of the most insidious maladies of our time is: the tendency in most of us to observe rather than act, avoid rather than participate, not do rather than do; the tendency to give into sly, negative, cautionary voices that constantly counsel to be careful, controlled, to be wary and prudent and hesitant and guarded in our *approach* to this complicated thing called living."

-Arthur Gordon, A Touch of Wonder