

## Employee of the 2012 Winter Quarter



Angie Fisher, Program Manager of the Multi-Cultural Community-Based and Supported Employment Programs, has distinguished herself as a person with exceptional leadership skills, a strong desire to improve the quality of life of her clients, and a work ethic that goes far beyond the norm. During her tenure as manager she has grown the program substantially until now it has become one of the largest of Westview's programs.

One of Angie's greatest gifts is her unique ability to communicate at a personal level with her clients, their families and care-providers, service coordinators, employers, and everyone who is interested in their welfare. She always consults with her clients and their families or care providers when developing activities for them that will be both interesting and challenging, even attending every IPP meeting herself. Needless to say this takes a great amount of Angie's time and energy, but she knows that this is the best way to ensure that her clients are receiving the highest quality service from her program.

Another one of Angie's gifts is her ability to get the local community involved in providing various services that promote the welfare of her clients and assist her program in developing activities for them. Through Angie's personal contact various organizations have hosted or contributed to the program's client activities. Angie has also arranged for the local Vietnamese media to cover some of the clients' events, leading to frequent articles in the Vietnamese newspapers and appearances on TV programs.

One client activity that Angie is especially passionate about is the Multi-Cultural Program's annual Christmas luncheon, which is held in a local restaurant. Not only are the clients and their families or care providers invited but also administrators and service coordinators from Regional Center Orange County (RCOC), Department of Rehab administrators and counselors, client employers, and representatives from service organizations that assist the program in various ways. The luncheon is of course a much anticipated event for the clients, but it is equally an ideal opportunity for all stakeholders and Westview in general.

Angie is completely dedicated to the welfare of her clients and is a tremendous asset to Westview. She represents the unique qualities of head and heart, combined with a total commitment to providing her clients the opportunity to lead the most fulfilling lives possible. It is our distinct pleasure to recognize Angie as the Employee of the Winter Quarter 2012.