

# Respect Works Here

**Angie Miranda** had no desire to leave the Philippines, a country she loved and where she lived with her close-knit family. However, with the political and economic issues in the '80s, Angie felt the pressure to seek a brighter future elsewhere.

Starting as a caregiver, first in Singapore, and then in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Angie knows first-hand the type of sacrifices that immigrants make. This has influenced her ongoing commitment to support and help newcomers in whatever community she finds herself.

"I am still so grateful for the outpouring of support from the community and the business," said says.

"You are the one determining your future. You cannot just give up. You seek and you find," continues Angie. "You need a positive attitude. It really adds up."

~ Angie Miranda

"You adapt," she says. "This is a small community where everyone knows everyone and it is more relaxed than Grande Prairie. The first few years it seemed a little cliquey," she adds hesitantly, then rebounds with her signature smile and positive outlook. "Once you open yourself to the community and volunteer it is fine. I love it here now. Vernon is home."

