

Success Stories



Evelyn and Federico

Evelyn came to Canada in 2007 from the Phillipines to try and get established before having her family join her. After five years of separation, her husband, Federico, and 2 children (8 & 10) joined her in June 2012. Since coming to Canada she had been working as a live-in nanny & caregiver; despite her university education in teaching, she found she was unable to find work in her field. She speaks English very well, as well as Cantonese and her native dialect Tagalog. Her husband, Federico has his high school diploma and has been working on a family farm since 1985 in his native land growing various vegetables. After arriving in Canada he worked 2 weeks at Just Farms last September but, struggled to find work after that. He went to TR Leger Immigrant services and was taking some English classes. Though his English is quite limited; he is learning from his children!

This couple was placed together on a job trial, by GIAG Employment Services, from February 22, 2013 at Herb's Travel Plaza on the 417 north of Alexandria, where they were seeking a cook and a night shift janitor. After the five week trial they were both hired by a very pleased employer. (Since Federico has not yet been approved for his Canadian license Evelyn is the sole driver. She works days and he works nights so it means lots of driving for Evelyn.

Despite the difficulties and the job that is definitely at a lower skill level than Evelyn is trained for, they were both smiling when we recently saw them. They were very thankful for a helping hand into the Canadian labor force.

Employer quote: "Evelyn and Federico are such nice people! It's a perfect addition to Herb's Team!"