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Re: Martha Tapia Nomination

Dear Sarimin:

You are being recognized as a "very special runner up" among the outstanding local staff who were nominated for the 2010 Martha Tapia Award. Your fellow staff at the Skagit County Community Action Agency clearly have great respect and admiration for you and your work.

It was exceedingly difficult to select the award winner this year, as each nominee was truly outstanding. Although you were not selected for the award this year, we are very proud of you and appreciate your exceptional contribution to WIC families in your community!

I think you'll enjoy reading how your coworkers recognized you in their nomination letters:

Professionalism

"Sarimin Rivera is a person who dedicates herself with professionalism when it comes to her job as our WIC nutritionist. She focuses on each of her clients by taking her time with them, as she focuses on their nutritional needs. She promotes the importance of staying healthy."

"Sarimin has taken her job to another level by getting through to our public by radio, local television, and videos on the importance of nutrition, breast feeding, and the benefits of WIC. Sarimin is dedicated to her role as an R.D. She has integrity, and makes a difference by informing the local community about nutrition."

Wisdom

"Sarimin is wise beyond her years of experience. Though she is fairly recently out of her internship, she is able to assess the needs and inclinations of clients and families, and approach them with ideas that suit their lives and stages of readiness for change. Sarimin works with paraprofessional WIC staff in the same manner, guiding them along pathways of nutrition education and motivating them with her enthusiasm for learning about nutrition."

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Compassion

“Sarimin has a natural propensity of compassion and empathy. This is reflected when she interacts with her coworkers and WIC clients. You can see her compassion in every act, every word, and every gesture when she is performing her work as a nutritionist. Especially, when she works with pregnant women who have been diagnosed with gestational diabetes, she helps them to reach their goals and have a healthy baby.”

Promoter of Public Health

“Sarimin graciously volunteered to address promoting public health in the media. She has completed a dental and breastfeeding video. She promoted increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables at farmers markets on the local radio station. Sarimin is also willing to learn about nutrition by attending educational seminars about nutrition. She is always eager to share nutrition education with her coworkers and the public.”

Culturally Aware

“Sarimin comes from a background of a Latino community, which helps especially for our clientele here in our WIC office in Mount Vernon. Sarimin has a special way of helping all of the community based on each culture. She always makes sure that they feel welcome, understood and never offended.”

Individual of Character

“Sarimin is a person who you can rely on. She is intelligent in her work and she is always looking to better herself and her team. She motivates clients to reach their goals by listening to their needs.”

Humorous

“Sarimin is a loving person who likes to enjoy the day to the fullest. Sarimin loves to dance; you can always count on her to dance with you. She can always make you laugh with her contagious laugh.”

Gentle Spirit


“Sarimin is the real meaning of gentle spirit. Her even temperament has a calming effect on new mothers and children she serves. Sarimin is gentle and kind to her clients and coworkers; she is a real pleasure to work with!”

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I congratulate you for your nomination for the Martha Tapia Award. It is a distinctive honor. Thank for sharing your many special talents and qualities with your fellow staff and WIC clients. We are grateful for your work, your enthusiasm, and your years of service to women, infants and children throughout your community.

Sincerely,


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