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COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant Success Story

Sharifah "Bibi" Nur Muhamad started her Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker grant employment as a *Bi-Lingual Community Health Worker at Aurora Walker's Point Community Clinic* at the end of February. Bibi said, "I am so excited to be a part of this program and for the opportunity to work with Aurora and help my community."

When she was 15 years old, Bibi and her family came to the United States from Malaysia. She spoke no English when she arrived. She was enrolled at Bradley Tech High School, and through her English As A Second Language (ESL) courses, she quickly became a top student there, landing on the Honor Roll during her Junior and Senior years. She became a Bradley Tech Student Leader helping other ESL students, and was a member of Bradley Tech's Debate Team and Tennis program. In the summer, Bibi also was a participant in Employ Milwaukee's summer youth program, Earn & Learn!

As a Bi-Lingual Community Health Worker, Bibi will be working with community members on COVID-19 prevention, mitigation, testing, vaccination, and community resource linkages. "Bibi speaks Rohingya and Malay, so she will be a great help to us in serving that immigrant and refugee community," said Kai Mishlove, Bibi's Supervisor and the Program Coordinator of Refugee Health Services at Aurora Walker's Point Community Clinic.



With two Bi-Lingual Community Health Worker's now serving Aurora Walker's Point Clinic through this grant, Christine Casselman, Manager of the Walker's Point Clinic Operations, thanked Employ Milwaukee Inc., the City of Milwaukee Health Dept., and the State Department of Workforce Development. "This grant has been invaluable in our ability to connect with and assist the immigrant and refugee community during the COVID-19 crisis. We are so pleased to partner with Employ Milwaukee!" Casselman stated.

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From left to right: Christine Cassleman and Kai Mishlove of Aurora, and CHW Bibi Nur Muhamad at the Aurora Walker's Point Community Clinic located at 130 W Bruce St., Milwaukee. Feb. 26, 2021.

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