

Ken Cross Nominates Ildiko Herr for the 2019 Lilli Ann Zahara Award!

I would like to nominate Ildiko Herr Public Health Inspector with the Saskatchewan Health Authority in Weyburn for the Lilli Ann Zahara Award.

Ildiko has been a certified Public Health Inspector for 5 years coming from British Columbia to Saskatchewan and brought her knowledge of food safety with her. Her vast knowledge of cultural food and ethnic cooking/preparation techniques is instrumental in assisting not only operators but her fellow Public Health Inspection team.

Ildiko has spent years educating herself in the various ethnic food cooking methods which she uses when dealing with operators to protect the public's health. She has the knowledge and understanding and constantly upgrades her knowledge on her own time.

She has helped her fellow colleagues numerous times by answering their questions and assisting them in understanding the new foods we are dealing with the cultural migration. Many of the foods prepared are done in the operator's traditional cultural ways which sometimes differs from our Western techniques.

Ildiko always finds the time to graciously help educate her colleagues with patience, poise and friendly advice. The protection of the public is forefront in her educational techniques which she demonstrates daily in her inspections and brings a fresh view when teaching Food Safe Classes.

Philippine food storage, preparation and cooking is on the rise. Ildiko has spent numerous hours learning and then sharing her knowledge selflessly to help her fellow Public Health Inspectors and ultimately leading to the protection of the public who we serve. Her knowledge and understanding of these techniques demonstrated during her inspections, puts the operators at ease and makes them more cooperative. Her friendly personality and food knowledge gains compliance and creates a valued working relationship with her operators. They appreciate her knowledge in their cultural ways and are open to adapting techniques where needed.

I feel that Ildiko is following the framework of food safety that Lilli Ann demonstrated years

ago. Thank you for considering Ildiko Herr for the prestigious Lilli Ann Zahara Award.

Sincerely,
Ken Cross
Public Health
Inspector life
Member