

Ralphie Apodaca

Project Support Assistant

Ralphie Apodaca graduated from West High School then attended Emily Griffith Opportunity School for one year and took office and data entry courses. Soon after completing her courses at Emily Griffith, Ralphie began work for US West as an Accounts Payable Technical Clerk, which began in 1983 and continued until 1994. She also worked at Teague Equipment Company as a Parts Clerk/Receptionist. Soon after, Ralphie enjoyed a few years of being self-employed. She then worked at Vicorp Restaurants Inc. as a Payroll Distribution Clerk/Employee file clerk where she shipped out payroll to numerous states, and was responsible for all employee and manager files. She also worked as an Administrative Assistant and Adopt a Room Coordinator for the Volunteers of America Brandon Center, which is a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and homelessness. Prior to joining Corona Research full-time, she was helping out as a temporary employee when she was needed.

During her interview, Ralphie met with Leo Lewis and Rana Martinez. They were helpful and friendly and, of course, they had a sense of humor. “I felt very comfortable and at ease during the interview”.

Ralphie serves as a Project Support Associate. On a typical day, she can be found assisting the Project Manager with various projects and other tasks that are assigned to her, which includes responsibilities such as data collection and entry, assisting with focus group logistics, proposal submission, and other tasks to keep the office running efficiently. Ralphie appreciates the team environment at Corona: “At Corona Research I appreciate that the Principals and the rest of the staff are very intelligent and ready to help each other when needed.”

Outside of the office Ralphie likes to read, spending time helping her mother—and a lot of time with her children and grandchildren; going to movies, the park or just staying at home. Ralphie and her family enjoy going as a group to her grandson’s football games to cheer for them (even though she doesn’t know anything about football). She also enjoys watching CSI—her favorite show to watch on television. She finds it interesting to understand the basics of how the characters do their jobs.

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