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Elvira Yusi came to Bermuda from the Philippines to work as a nanny in 1991.

During those 25 years, she has provided much-needed care and assistance to the families she has worked with who, she says, have become like her own family members to her.

Prior to coming to Bermuda, Elvira worked as a expert seamstress at a US Air Force base in the Philippines - a skill she regularly passes on to Bermuda's youth by volunteering with the Girl Guides of Bermuda. She has also spent many years volunteering with the Pink Ladies at KEMH on Sundays, which has typically been her only day off.

"Mostly, I'm helping others during my time," she says. "That's who I am."

But Elvira has always been on a work permit; she has no PRC and no Bermuda status and can be asked to leave if, one year, her work permit is not renewed.

She has sisters here, a niece and a son-in-law whom she would be "very sad" to leave behind.

These are the faces of our neighbors, friends and coworkers.

They each made a commitment to Bermuda years ago; let us make a commitment to them now.

It's the right thing to do.

