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At the Boys & Girls Club, the message is clear: The club is here to empower you, but to realize your full potential, you must be the “go-to person” in your life. Cecilia “CeCe” Torres is one young woman who took that message to heart.

CeCe was 5 when she joined the club’s summer programs—an education enhancement program called Kids’ Campus University (KCU) and a recreation program called Fun in the Sun, United Way funded programs.

As she grew, she took advantage of everything the club has to offer, including the art room, the gym and Project Learn’s Power Hour, which emphasizes focusing on school above all else. “I still come home and do my homework before I do anything else,” she notes.

Joining character and leadership groups, CeCe learned about making good choices, being independent, working with others and goal-setting.

They are qualities that have served her well. Although she has endured challenges at home, the club provided the stability she needed, and she has returned for three consecutive summers to work as the front desk clerk for KCU.

Now a high school junior, CeCe is enrolled in a BOCES program and set to graduate as a certified nursing assistant, on her way to becoming a nurse.

“I’m excited,” she says. “I am so excited!”

So is the Club Director Arlene Francis: “I know CeCe’s going to achieve the goals she has, and when it happens like that, that’s the best payback you can get.”

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Together, when we LIVE UNITED, we can make a real difference.**

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