

It All Started at the Boys & Girls Club

In middle school, Silvia spent her afternoons at the Boys & Girls Club of the Coastal Bend – a long-time United Way of the Coastal Bend partner agency. Their after-school program provided a place for her to do homework, work with her tutors and participate in provided activities. It was there that she first realized she had a knack for math. Recognizing this burgeoning talent, coaches and mentors at the Club spent the next three years helping her hone those math skills – skills that later led to a distinguished 36-year career with the Department of Defense.

Silvia retired in 2015 and rejoined the workforce in 2017 as the Finance Resource Officer for the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce. Throughout her career, she's held various positions on government and non-profit boards, earning the Hispanic Chamber's 2016 Embajador of the Year award for her selfless service to the community.

Silvia credits much of her success to time spent at the Boys & Girls Club of the Coastal Bend, saying that she always remembered a mantra they taught her – you are not a product of circumstances, but a product of your decisions.

Your donations to United Way of the Coastal Bend fund programs that give children a positive direction in life that leads to the drive, motivation and skill on which our community thrives. United, we break cycles and provide opportunities for people to achieve their full potential.



President & CEO, Catrina Wilson, Announces Retirement

After 13 years of leading United Way of the Coastal Bend, Catrina Wilson announced plans to retire on April 26, 2019. We wish her the best in this new chapter of her life and look forward to continuing our mission of mobilizing the caring power of community. Read the full announcement on our website: uwcb.org/CatrinaWilson.

Spread the Word

Ten VITA Locations Opening Throughout the Coastal Bend

Taxpayers who earned up to \$66,000 in 2018 can get their taxes filed for free through [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\)](#). Ten locations will be open throughout the Coastal Bend by Feb. 6th. [Visit our website](#) for a list of what to bring and all locations.

Please share with anyone who could benefit from this essential service!



Board Spotlight

We operate with a governing [Board of Directors](#) who are responsible for exercising prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities. This month, we'd like to introduce you to [Alicia Matus](#).



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