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Children have a lot to teach about resilience. They are experts at continuing forward, trying over and over again, and finding joy in the process. Watching a little one learning to walk is simply inspiring. Babies fall down so much learning to take their first steps. What do we do when they take one step and fall? We cheer and celebrate and let that child know how amazing they are. We don't make fun of them or shame them for falling and failing to take that step. How ridiculous would that be?!

That drive and determination to get back up is called resilience. This does not mean it is easy to get up and keep going. This does not mean that there aren't times we want to throw in the towel. But, it means that after a deep breath or two we get back up. This is how we survive. Humans have done this for millions of years to continue forward, we can see so many examples of people who keep going in the world, and we can all look back at times where we persevered and pushed forward.

This is all easier said than done. However, I can guarantee you one thing: you are not pushing to survive alone. You have this community at CUC with you, you have your friends and family with you, and above all you have God with you. We may not always feel like it, but God walks through the hard times with us providing us resources, people, and peace through darkness, difficult times, and even pandemics.

Pumpkin Palooza looked so different from years past. However, the NextGen committee pushed through the challenges posed by COVID-19 restrictions and a last-minute weather change to create an opportunity for people and families to connect and celebrate life together.

Let's look towards the kids around us who inspire us to keep moving forward, to keep pushing towards a life of love and hope, to continue trying again and again.