Miwa Cline: Fulfilling the dreams of a 5-year-old

As part of International Women's Day, we profile Grid Solutions Materials Manager Miwa Cline.

Miwa Cline's 5-year-old self would be proud of the woman she is today.

"When I was younger, I dreamed of having a family while pursuing a career that satisfies my natural curiosity," said Miwa, who is the materials manager, both circuit-breakers and instrument transformers, for Grid Solutions in Charleroi, Pennsylvania. "While my life is more challenging than what I envisioned in my younger years, it still brings me satisfaction every day."

The mother of 9-month-old twin boys, Miwa believes that Miwa Cline although times have changed, women still are held to Materials P. impossible standards. "We expect them to thrive in



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challenging careers while still maintaining the position of primary caregiver in a family," she said. "For this change, we need to raise our children better in a more equal environment."

Although the road ahead can be challenging for women, Miwa urges them to stay true to themselves. "Never question your worth based on somebody else's opinion," she said. "Being true to yourself is more important than fulfilling the stereotype you were born into. Don't be afraid to challenge the status quo."

Despite the many obstacles women face, this is an exciting time, Miwa said. "More and more stories are told from a female perspective, giving tools to little girls around the world to imagine themselves as the next person who creates a vaccine to save us from the next disease or to come up with better ways to solve ancient problems."

Miwa has worked for GE for 10 years in Supply Chain/Materials, spending the last eight of those years in the US. Proud of her Mexican heritage, she describes herself as "passionate, reliable, trustworthy, a major foodie especially when it comes with different cultures, part of the most amazing family with unconditional love and support and a proud Mexican."

Her hope? "Inspire others with my actions, but never forget the power in my voice."

And you? What's your hope?