When Grace first met Tina, an Educational Counselor at Denver Kids, she was very shy and did not like meeting new people. Grace now teaches Tina all about soccer and her passion for the sport, and is open about her interests and what she wants to become in the future.

One of Grace’s biggest goals is to be able to advocate for herself and communicate with adults. According to Tina, she has greatly improved in her communication skills since the time they met three years ago, but is still continuing to improve. Grace says that she has learned how to talk to others and no longer ignores people who she encounters. Another goal that Grace has been working on is improving her grades in math class and she says they “have been extremely successful” with doing so this year.

Grace’s favorite thing about Tina is that she helps her whenever she has issues and is nice every time she sees her. Tina has become a consistent figure in Grace’s life as they often go out to eat or simply hang out, and has helped her learn how to open up to others. In the future, Tina and Grace both have big goals they are working toward. Grace has set many goals for herself and Tina wants to help her know how to navigate anything that she is going through and to help her succeed in a post-secondary career.