

*The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.*

- Mark Twain

# Nevins Inc.

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I would like to thank all the staff, parents, guardians and AFL's that completed the annual Nevins Inc. survey for 2017. The results and data have been compiled and I look forward to sharing it with our staff and families.

have deadlines to follow that require Nevins to provide an accurate count for participation, so please have your signed forms returned by the due date.

We have some events in March, such as our Chili-Cook-Cook off fundraiser, and our yard sale. Please check the calendar for these dates. I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Spring Fling on April 28th. (date changed from the 21st.) and Festa Italiana is right around the corner on May 20th.

Also, March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. While a quarter century after its establishment the world has changed in important ways much, though, remains to challenge us. In the coming years, we'll need to fight not only for more advances but to retain the accomplishments of past decades. It is a fight in which we must all engage.

Thank you to all for being a champion to our participants!

- Adam Lawlor

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## February Employee of the Month - Shimica Boular!

Congratulations to Shimica Boular, our February Employee of the Month!

"I have been at Nevins/Mercy going on 2 years. I love working at Mercy!"

I didn't realize how important life was until I started working here. I don't work with the patients, but when I see them the love that's shown is priceless!

I would like to thank my Mercy Team for acknowledging me on my achievements."

We are very happy to have Shimica on the Nevins/Mercy team! Congrats again Shimica! You earned it!



### Events and Happenings!

March 10—Chili Cook-Off

March 24—Nevins Family Yard Sale

March 30—Good Friday  
Nevins Closed

April 28—Spring Fling

May 20—Festa Italiana

**Join us on Facebook to see what fun we have been up to:**  
[www.facebook.com/Nevinscenter](http://www.facebook.com/Nevinscenter)



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## Abilities and Possibilities

We are loving the early spring weather! In the month of February, we observed Random Acts of Kindness, we discussed Black History Month and paid homage to all the inspiring and groundbreaking African Americans in history. We had a ball at the Mardi Gras and the Sweetheart's Party.

The month of March is springing into action for

A & P. We plan to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and other fun days such as Dr. Seuss Day and National Puppy Day.

Summer Camp talk is all a Buzz in A&P!! We are putting together activity ideas and starting to pump up our community relationships. Please contact me with any questions and suggestions on how to make

this Camp Season Spectacular!

We are always searching for new adventures, so if you have a suggestion please share.

Thanks to all those who have assisted us in continuing to grow: Staff Quadejah, Megan, Donte, Mr. Neufville and Intern Ashley.

- Natasha Young

## Transportation News



For any transportation issues regarding the Nevins vans, please call 980/505-2388. This phone is monitored 24 hours a day.

## CPCC/Nevins I-LEAD (formerly College and Career Readiness)

In the Community/Language/Computer classes, students have chosen their Community Goal they wish to achieve this semester. They are also working in their Reading and Math books.

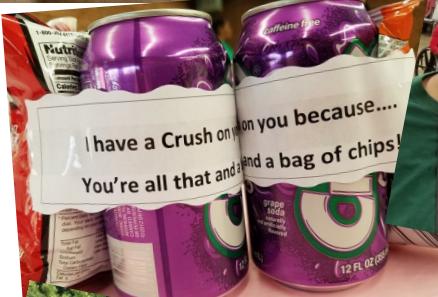
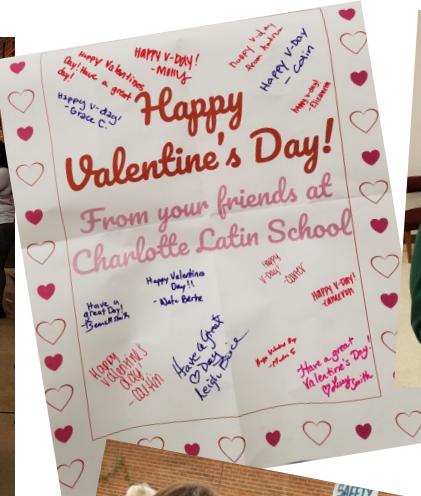
Students will continue building on their skills using the computer to Google then create worksheets on Daylight Savings Time and Easter. They will take them home, so be sure to ask them to share their worksheets with you. The word search or other activities may not be completed which gives family time together to complete the worksheet.

During the month of March, the Wednesday Vocational Education class will learn about jobs in the Restaurant Workbook in class. Jesse B. will speak to the class about his Restaurant job. They will shadow Nevins Receptionist, Paisley Hunt. Students will take a field trip to Pizza Hut to shadow Sharon C. at her job.

Spring Semester Break Monday, March 12—Thursday, March 15. No CPCC/Nevins classes, Nevins will be open.

Myra Robinson, CPCC/Nevins Instructor

# “Marching” Into Another Great Year At Nevins



## Notes from Natasha

**Creating opportunities for intellectually & developmentally disabled adults in Mecklenburg County through person – centered care and employment services.**

We are introducing a new column from our Program Director, Natasha Young, to provide helpful tidbits for our Nevins community and your life.

**Accountability-** The fact or condition of being accountable, responsibility.

Being accountable means the phrase “I didn’t know that was my job” should never be part of your language.

Part of the mission we stand for here at Nevins commands us to be accountable for our actions in order to ensure that

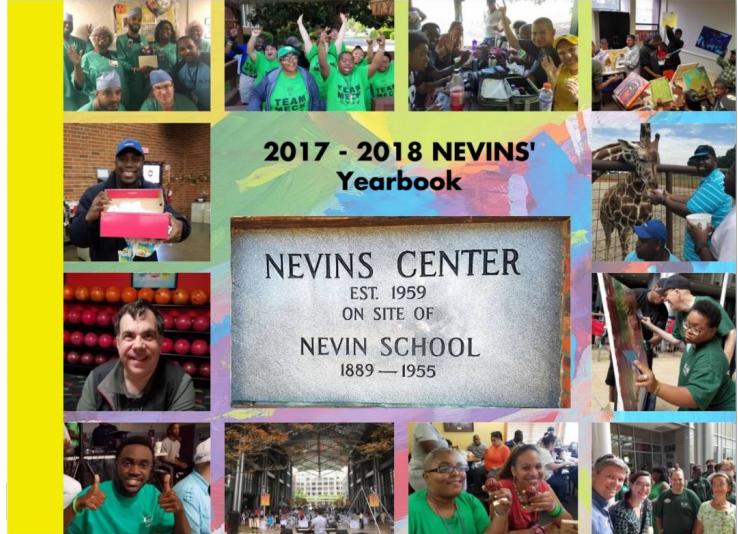
the folks we serve are happy with our services and the world around them while in our care.

Accountability in our personal lives reflects in a way that we are prepared for our daily duties as we think about the way our world reflects in our actions.



## 2018 Nevins Yearbook is Here!

We are thrilled to announce that the 2018 Nevins Yearbooks have arrived! They are a wonderful celebration of the last 12 months in our Nevins community. This year we featured each of our programs from Innovations to our Athletics Teams and took the opportunity to recognize some of the very special people that make Nevins the wonderful resource for our community.



Thank you to everyone that helped in this effort it is a labor of love pulling together so many of our participants and staff to make this project a success! Yearbooks are available in the Admin office for \$15 if you didn't pre order we still have a few.



## Clinical Services Update

No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow.

Spring is in the air here at Nevins, and with spring comes Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month! The purpose of this month is to increase public awareness of the needs and potential of individuals with developmental disabilities. During the month of March we want to remember the importance of inclusion and living life side by side, meaning looking beyond someone's disability and seeing them as a person and not just a person with a disability.

Nevins will participate in several transition events this month to promote our clinical programs, and give parents and potential participants a glimpse at all that Nevins has to offer. These events provide pre-transition

planning and services for students with disabilities to help support their Post-secondary goals.

Circles Meeting: Zebulon Vance High School, March 1

Circles Meeting: Independence High School, March 8

Circles Meeting: East Mecklenburg High School, March 15

CMS Transition Fair: East Mecklenburg High School, March 22

Remember: Here at Nevins we see the ABLE, not the LABEL

- Kimberly Hailey

## Nevins Events!

### 2nd Annual Nevins Chili Cook Off!

Come join us for a great day of Chili, Beer and Fun at Resident Culture Brewing in Plaza Midwood! Benefiting the Nevins Beach Trip this summer.

Where: Resident Culture Brewing, 2101 Central Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205

When: Saturday, March 10th, noon to 3:00pm

How: Purchase Tickets on our Website, Entry price includes: your first beer, chili samples, sides, and 1 free raffle entry. Tickets will be available at the door.

We will be serving up 10 of the best chilis,

along with some of Charlotte's best beers—all to benefit Nevins participants. And don't forget the very popular raffle with gift cards, meals and fun surprises for only 1 dollar per entry! Our Art Program will also be showing and selling the amazing artwork by our wonderful participants in one of our annual exhibits! Live Music by Troy Michael Batley! All of this will go to help defray costs of a summer break beach trip for our participants. While most of us get to go to the beach with little planning, most of our participants have never been on a trip with friends, so we are loading up this summer and planning a trip to the beach!

## Aktion Club

At the last meeting of The CharMeck Aktion Club there was a awesome presentation about Black History & Heart Heath by Shanda Burrell. It was very educational.

Sadly, our President, Sue Ellen B. will be leaving our club due to relocation with her family. She has been a great asset to our Aktion Club. She is always positive, a team player and a great leader! Everyone will truly miss her! We hope to see her again someday soon and we thank her for all the hard work that she has done. We want her to know that we greatly appreciate her!



Our next event will be our mid-year Conference and Checkers hockey event fundraiser. There will be more information coming out at a later date

Thanks to all our helpful staff assisting our Aktion Clubbers during the meetings. Our next meeting will be March 7 @ 9:15am—11am.

Thank you so much and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Club Advisor, Delores Miller

**Mission:** Nevins, Inc. provides developmentally disabled people over the age of 16 with opportunities to achieve their fullest potential through employment and community involvement.

## Atrium/Nevins Team

Just wanted to give kudos to Sal B.!! Atrium Management commented that "one of our pediatric areas complimented him on how he is an Ambassador for our department. It made me proud to hear a Nurse Manager state that he was able to explain to her what he did and what department he worked in. She said he made her smile and that he demonstrated how proud he was to be a part of the Atrium/Nevins Team".

Thanks Sal and all the team members for all you do on a daily basis to impact patient care.

Excellent job team !!!!

## Supported Employment News

I just want to thank all my staff for their hard work! I would also like to take this time to welcome a few of our individuals from the B-3 and Innovations Supported Employment Programs the Atrium/Nevins Employment group: Ms. Latricia A., Ms. Gwyn R. and Ms. Sandra S. Welcome guys! I'm quite sure you all will do a great job and make this a long lasting employment opportunity.

Jonathan Martin, Supported Employment Supervisor

### March Birthdays

Eyvonne Jackson	8th.
Tanisha Rorie	19th.
Darryl Starks	22nd.

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**Helping developmentally disabled  
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can help us provide person-centered care to  
the developmentally disabled community  
please visit our website at [www.nevinsinc.org](http://www.nevinsinc.org)  
or call 704-596-1372.**

## Nevins Needs

We are looking for a group of enthusiastic volunteers to spear a volunteer day at Nevins this spring! We have some painting, staining of the new deck and some work in the garden that could keep a class, work group or volunteer organization busy for a few hours on a Saturday. If you know of a group that might be interested contact Phillip Gussman pgussman@nevinsinc.org. Thank you!

## Keep in Touch with Nevins

Here at Nevins we have a large “family”, a family that consists of consumers who utilize our programs, the parents or caregivers of those consumers, our talented staff, the dedicated volunteers, our generous donors and our community. To help us keep in touch we have a Newsletter that lets you know what’s happening at Nevins and helps us celebrate the accomplishments of that wonderful “family.”

Our monthly newsletter has been going for over a year and it’s finally available by email and ready to share with everyone. That is why we are asking for your contact information so we might be able to minimize costs while keeping everyone informed on how we are “Creating Opportunities.” You may also email this information to [info@nevinsinc.org](mailto:info@nevinsinc.org) or send to 3523 Nevin Rd., Charlotte, NC 28269 or just subscribe to the newsletter on the website! [www.nevinsinc.org](http://www.nevinsinc.org)

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I want the Nevins Newsletter emailed to me: \_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me. I want to learn more: \_\_\_\_\_

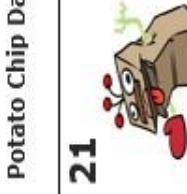
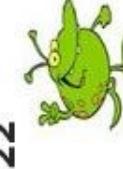
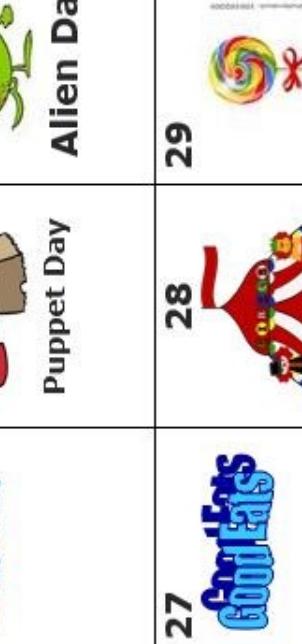
How are you “related” to Nevins?

I participate in Nevins programs: \_\_\_\_\_ I am a family member/caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_ I am a volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

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- March 10—  
Chili Cook-Off,  
noon to 3pm
- March 24—  
Nevins Family  
Yard Sale,  
8am—noon
- March 30—  
Good Friday
- Nevins Closed

## March 2018 - IDD Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 
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