

We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count.

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The flu season is starting and will last through the fall and winter. More than one kind of flu virus will be spreading this season, including seasonal flu and the 2009 H1N1 flu. If you get the flu, you can get sick and can spread the flu to others at home, at work and in the community. If you don't feel well, please stay home. It is important to remember to cover your coughs and sneezes and wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner if soap and water are not available. Please educate the individuals we serve to do the same.

Up until recently, Sean, who is a paraplegic, could not turn on the TV when he wanted to watch his favorite shows, he

could not turn on the lights when his room was too dark, and he could not turn on a fan when he felt too warm. Instead, he was forced to wait for assistance, for someone to come along to do these simple tasks for him. However; now, for the first time, Sean can do all these things whenever he wants – no assistance required - thanks to several organizations and many individuals who came together to purchase, build and install technology in Sean's bedroom giving him his new-found control and independence.

It started in April when the Charlotte Internet of Things (IoT) group held their first meeting and Hackathon at Queen's University to plan and build projects to help paraplegics like Sean. A

second Hackathon was held at Lending Tree to continue their work. Finally, in September, they installed the IoT devices and software, and trained Sean to use voice commands from an Amazon Echo to control these devices:

- TV - turn the TV on and off, control the volume, and change channels
- Lamp – turn the light on and off
- Fan – turn the fan on and off, and increase and decrease the fan speed
- Echo – request the news, weather, Wikipedia information, watch church services, listen to music, and much more. And this is just the start!

New projects are coming. Want to help? You're invited to attend the next Civic Hackathon at Lending Tree.

Adam Lawlor

October Employee of the Month - Mandarin Bell!

Congratulations to Mandarin Bell, our October Employee of the Month!

"When I joined the Nevins team 7 months ago I did not know what to expect entering into a new field. I always had a passion for helping people and working at Nevins has made that possible. Thank you Nevins for giving me this opportunity!"

We are thankful to have you, Mandarin. You are awesome!



November 3—BBQ Fundraiser

November 10—MTS Buses not running

November 23-24—Nevins closed for Thanksgiving

December 14—Nevins Board Christmas Breakfast

December 14—Nevins Charlotte Latin Dance

December 22—Nevins Christmas Extravaganza

Join us on Facebook to see what fun we have been up to:
www.facebook.com/Nevinscenter



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Abilities and Possibilities

The leaves are falling and hopefully the temperature will decide to be steady, but not today! So let's still keep the sizzle and focus on FUN!

In October we observed Breast Cancer Awareness with an Awareness Parade and Balloon release, we clowned around and spent time with our Metro Friends; we shook in our boots with the Haunted Hallway and partied "Hoe Down style" at the Fall Festival.

We will be showing our "Thankfulness" in November by participating in an American Flag Ceremony, observ-

ing Veterans' Day by having a BBQ, Remembering all the reasons to be Thankful in our Week of Giving and kicking it up a notch with Square Dancing Day!

We would like to say "Welcome" to the newest additions to the Nevins family Quadejah Davis and J'Sie Neufville. They have already shown themselves to be valuable assets to Nevins and, in particular, Abilities and Possibilities.

There is still room available with Abilities & Possibilities! For more information or if you know anyone that is just

chilling at home and wants to add value to their day, please call Natasha Young at 704-596-1372 ext. 201

Check us out on Facebook at "Nevins Inc." and see pictures of all the fun things we are doing!

We are always searching for new adventures, so if you have a suggestion please share. We are also seeking volunteers age 16 and up. If you would like to fill your spare time with fun and adventures, please call us!

- Natasha Young

Annual Nevins Barbecue on Friday Nov. 3rd

Come by and have a great barbecue lunch with us, then take a pound of our slow smoked Genuine Nevins Pork Barbecue home for dinner. All to help our participants with special needs learn life skills and find work. Please preorder to confirm we will have enough for you! We are serving from 11 am to 2 pm. 704-596-1372

CPCC/Nevins College & Career Readiness Classroom

In the Language/Computer classes, students continue to work in their New Reader Bookstore workbooks. They are reading stories and doing ten sound and word recognition exercises using the letter B.

Students will create worksheets on Daylight Savings Time and Thanksgiving Day by Googling on the computer. All worksheets are taken home. Be sure that you do not miss seeing them.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7.....GO VOTE! We will have class discussions on the voting process and the candidates running for office.

The Friday Vocational Education Class will learn about jobs in the Restaurant Workbook. Jesse will speak to the class about his job at McDonalds. Students will take a field trip to Pizza Hut to shadow Sharon at her job.

Myra Robinson, CPCC/Nevins Instructor

Fall Activities Fun!



Clinical Services Update

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

-Melody Beattie

The holiday season is upon us and we all should take a moment and focus on what we are thankful for in this season. It is easy to get caught up in the food menus, the economy, travel and family but, please try to remember to be thankful

for your:

Health
Family (Personal & Nevins)
Employment
Your Future

We, as the Nevins Family, encourage staff to use our Open Door Policy and we support the usage of Employers Assistance Program.

Respectfully, Natasha Young

Aktion Club

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Aktion Club at Nevins celebrated 10 years in existence on October 20, 2017. We had the TV personnel here from Channel 18 Wilson's World. The clubbers really enjoyed that day of events! They were able to share their Aktion Club experiences with the television audience. Also, Mr. Steve McIlwain of the Arc of Mecklenburg County received a community award for all his hard work supervising 3 Aktion Club programs around Mecklenburg County. Nevins was able to shine a spotlight on all the great things that we do here. It was an emotional event, especially for myself, to see the growth in the club and I hope that we continue to grow and do good things for our community. Big Thanks to Lauren with the ARC for setting up this event.



The next event coming up will be our Talent Show on November 17th. The flyers have already been sent out.

Thanks to all our staff for their continued support during our meetings. Our next club meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 @ 9:15-11am.

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

CMC/Nevins Team

The Nevins/CMC Team kicked off the month by celebrating our annual National Central Service Week. It is an opportunity to recognize the committed specialists that made up Carolina Medical Equipment and Sterile Processing Department. With Nevins' tireless dedication, healthcare customers can count on clean and sterile instruments being delivered consistently and on time. With ongoing due diligence and dependable equipment and process monitoring, surgeries can be performed without delay. With unwavering adherence to industry standards, best practices and policies and procedures, patient safety is never sacrificed.



We also celebrated the birthday of Ms. Marilyn Y. In addition, we honored Ms. Barbara Graham for 19 years of dedication, loyalty and commitment to CMC/Nevins.

Thank you team for all you do!

Deon Chism, Team Lead

November Birthdays

Paisley Hunt	3rd.
Cathy Moore	8th.
DanYel Talley	12th.
Brad Wallace	13th.
Adam Lawlor	14th.
Anthony Glover	30th.

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**Helping developmentally disabled
adults reach their fullest potential for
over 50 years**

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can help us provide person-centered care to
the developmentally disabled community
please visit our website at www.nevinsinc.org
or call 704-596-1372.**

Supported Employment News

Just want to thank all of my staff for everything you do for us here at Nevins you guys are really awesome. Words can not describe how thankful I am for all of you. I would like to recognize a few new staff to the wonderful Nevins supported employment team Jordan Anderson and Christian Ihejirika I know you guys will do great here at Nevins.

Jonathna Martin, Program Supervisor

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 or send to 3523 Nevin Rd., Charlotte, NC 28269 or just subscribe to the newsletter on the website! www.nevinsinc.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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: _____

I am a neighbor of Nevins: _____ I am a part of the Developmentally Disabled Community: _____

November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Stress Awareness Day	2 Cookie Monster Day	3 BBQ Day	4
5	6 Orange Day	7 Nachos	8 X Marks the Spot Day	9 Checkers Championship	10 Flag Ceremony	11 Veterans Day
12 GIVING WEEK	13 What are You Thankful For Project	14 Glam Apple Day	15 Quotes of Encouragement	16 Therapy Dogs	17 Apple Cider Day	18
19 GIVING WEEK	20 Cotton Candy Day	21 Thanks on a Roll!	22 <i>Staff Luncheon</i>	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 CLOSED	25
26	27 Jerky Day	28 Fish Sticks & Fries	29 Square Dancing Day	30 Mason Jar Craft Day		