

"Very little is needed to make a happy life, it is within yourself, in your way of thinking." – Marcus Aurelius

Nevins Inc.

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It is now Autumn season, and we are all hoping for some seasonal weather, but with that comes football season, pumpkin picking, fall foliage, apple picking, etc. With all of that being said, the holidays will be here as well in no time. For the last several months Nevins' staff has been volunteering their own time with Rice N Beans, a non-denominational, faith based effort to address the challenges of the hungry and homeless men and women on the streets of Charlotte, NC. Since 2011, the Rice N Beans program has provided over 55,000 hot meals served directly on the street in various locations within our inner city. Serving on Tuesday nights, the volunteer

base of men and women represent more than 13 Churches of all denominations. I had the privilege of volunteering in September, and cannot express how this was such a wonderful, but humbling, experience! All the volunteers truly show how committed they are to the hungry, but they also willingly offer spiritual guidance to anyone interested in accepting it. I would like to thank the following volunteers from Nevins: Cathy Duenkel, Rudy Ware, Delores Miller, Jonathan Martin, Paisley Hunt, Mandarin Bell and Amanda Johnson for truly making a difference in other's lives out-

side of Nevins! With Nevins' new found opportunity and the support that Nevins has offered, Rice N Beans now serves on Wednesday nights in addition to Tuesday nights. For more information, visit www.ricenbeans.org. Thank you to everyone!

Adam Lawlor, Executive Director



September Employee of the Month - Jax Jackson

Jax began with Nevins 2 years ago. In addition to working with individuals in Supported Employment, he also is the Art Therapy teacher. And a very talented one at that! He brings some of his students to the Festa Italiana each year where they create an original work of art live on stage.



"Being a part of the Nevins team has been such an wonderful and awarding experience for me. The opportunity of being able to connect and witness the true talents of the individuals we serve has opened my eyes to the endless possibilities of the growth and development that each and every individual here has within them. I look forward to continuing the great work that Nevins has put forth and I appreciate everyone here, we all make Nevins a great place to learn, grow, and develop as a team. Each and every individual here has unlimited potential and we work every-day to support them and their goals".

Well said Jax! Congratulations again!

Events and Happenings!

October 4—MTS Buses will NOT be operating, service resumes Oct. 5

October 12—Nevins Fall Festival, 6:30pm—8:30pm

October 18—ACS Breast Cancer walk

October 23—Darby Acres Petting Zoo at Nevins

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



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 Team Lead
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Abilities and Possibilities

I hope everyone had a wonderful September and that Florence did not do any harm to any of our families and friends. While it did rain quite a bit, and we even had to close for one day, it takes more than a little water to dampen our spirits here at Nevins!

Our trip to Lazy Five Ranch and Dave & Busters was cancelled due to Florence, but we are going the first week of October!

We had fun on Field Day: we played tug-of-war and the consumers enjoyed a sack race. They had a

great time challenging each other in every event!



We also toured the Panther's Stadium where they took lots and lots of pictures and once again made great memories.

We also went to the movies to see The House With a Clock in It's Walls. We really enjoyed all the activities in

September.

We are planning our Fall Festival for October 12, 6:30—8:30. It is always a wonderful event with lots of good food, music, friends and fun! I encourage all our individuals and their families to be a part of this event. We are going to have an awesome time!

We would like to welcome 2 new members to the Nevins/Abilities & Possibilities family: Carlos H. and Valeska Y. We are all so excited to have you here!

- Margie "Rudy" Ware

Transportation News

If you have lived in Charlotte for any length of time, you know there are ALWAYS highway construction issues! I would like to thank our wonderful team of drivers for being so dedicated to the safety of the individuals we serve as they transport them. And thank you for your patience when issues beyond our control effect the time your loved one is picked up or brought home.

For any transportation issues please call Jonathan Martin at 980/505-2388.

CPCC/Nevins I-LEAD

The month of October will be busy as Students harvest the remaining bounty from the Nevins Summer Organic Garden! We have harvested the tomatoes and given them to Phil to make tomato sauce for Tuesday Good Eats. We have harvested okra and the stewed okra was enjoyed by *most* of the students. We look forward to working in the Fall garden with Miller Carbon, our volunteer Master Gardener. He has already planted several varieties of greens.

The Nevins Fall Festival is October 12, 6:30-8:30. We will be selling herbs and peppers along with hot pepper vinegar bottles. We will also have available the information sheets we Googled about different ways to use herbs.

Using our Community Goals we have chosen we will be labeling, charting and pricing the items, then typing and printing them out on the computer.

Fall Semester Break Thursday, October 11, classes resume Monday, October 15

- Myra Robinson, CPCC/Nevins Instructor

Go Team Nevins!



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



Notes from Natasha



Harvesting

Harvesting is the process of gathering a ripe crop from the fields.

The best part of being a member of the Nevins Family is that we always try to sow good ethics, experiences and main-

tain good vibes.

When we do that, we know that we will harvest successful outcomes in all that we do.

- Natasha Young

Atrium/Nevins Team

September 9th.-15th. the CMC/Nevins staff and Individuals kicked off our annual Direct Support Professional Recognition week! This is a week-long celebration in recognition of the dedication and accomplishments of outstanding Direct Support Professionals and their vital contribution to the individuals we serve in the Supported Employment Program. The Nevins' team celebrated daily with fun, food and games. The team ended their week with a bowling tournament at AMF Lanes with our individuals. I would like to thank my team for their direct support and for a job well done!



- Team Lead, Deon Chism

I would like to THANK my individuals one by one: Erica, a self starter and always communicating at the end of her shift; Shonte, who's willing to train our new individuals in Decontam and report back their progress; Geraldine, always wanting to take on more floors to pick up; Jackie is showing improvement picking up equipment and coming back to report out; Kinston, always willing to clean and does it with a smile; Marlon, always willing to help and loves to come back and report on his floor; Sam, one of our new individuals, has taken on 6S and reports back on his floor and is willing to learn more! I would also like to thank my staff, Sylvia, who's there to help keep our team on the right track.

I would also like to welcome Jamie to Team Mercy, a busy and dedicated team that puts in effort and hard work. We are few in number, but big in loyalty and striving everyday to fulfill the Nevins Mission!

- Team Lead, Linda Moore

Darby Acres Petting Zoo at Nevins Ave. Oct. 23rd

We are doing it again! We are bringing the zoo to YOU! On October 23rd. we will have the Darby Acres Petting Zoo with exotics coming out to Nevins where

we will share some fun with our friends at the Metro school! Make sure you bring in your signed release waiver by the 19th!



Clinical Services Update

Nevins would like to say a special "See You Later" to Christi L., whose last day with Nevins was September 28, 2018. Christi has been attending Nevins for the past 17 years, and due to her parents retiring and relocating she will no longer be attending our



Day Program. Nevins wishes you continued success Christi, and know that you will indeed be missed!

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

Fall is in the air, and here at Nevins the Clinical Services Department is spotlighting "National Disability Employment Awareness Month." The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. Nevins currently supports 40 individuals through our Supported Employment Program who are successfully working in the community with Job

Coaches. Supported Employment (Innovations and B3) is a Medicaid service that provides job training and supports for individuals seeking paid employment. Generally provided in integrated setting (where there are people with and without disabilities). Our individuals work in many different arena's ranging from retail, to fast food, to art galleries, to CMC Hospital.

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: North Mecklenburg High School, October 4

Circles Meeting: Mallard Creek High School, October 11

Circles Meeting: Hopewell High School, October 18

Circles Meeting: Vance High School, October 25

Kimberly Hailey, Program Manager of Clinical Services



Aktion Club

Charlotte Mecklenburg Aktion Club met and discussed who the school supply donation would be given to. The Clubbers chose Thomasboro Elementary school. We are still gathering a few more items. We will deliver the items in the month of October. I would like to thank everyone who donated.

Due to Hurricane Florence, the Aktion Club Convention had to be cancelled until next year. Any monies paid will be refunded. The Kiwanis of Charlotte Mecklenburg Aktion Club had a fund raiser on Sept 29, 2018. Flyers were sent home. All the funds raised will be put towards CharMeck Aktion Club. I would like to thank the following staff that donated to this fundraiser: Eyvonnne Jackson and Tanisha Rorie. Please see club Advisor for details.

Aktion Club dues are due now. Each Aktion Clubber is asked to pay \$8.00.

Our next meeting will be the 1st. and 3rd. Wednesdays in October, 9a-11am. Please come out and join us.

Thank you,
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.

Supported Employment News

As always, I would like to take the time to thank my staff and individuals. The Supported Employment Team just celebrated Direct Support Professional Day...all week! This was a awesome week for the Supported Employment staff and the individuals we serve!



We will also be taking a trip to Six Flags in Atlanta Georgia for the weekend. This will be a great team building exercise for us. We just had our first fundraiser two weeks ago and it was a great success! The funds raised will be used to pay for the trip so that the staff's only job for this fun-filled weekend will be to enjoy themselves!

Thanks again team for all you do in support of our individuals and the Nevins Mission!
YOU GUYS ROCK!

Jonathan Martin, Supported Employment Supervisor
Mandarin Bell, Program Coordinator

October Birthdays

Gail Hester	1st.
John Miller	1st.
Myra Robinson	13th.
Ann McCorkle	14th.
Natasha Young	17th.
Lawrence Wright	18th.
Glendalyn Jeffers	31st.

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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.

Fall Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for groups that might be interested in a volunteer day this fall and winter. Let your work know that Nevins could use a hand. We are looking for volunteers to help create an event/party with our participants and to come help out with other projects on our campus. Share the Nevins story with your friends and we can all have a great time! For more details just call at 704-596-1372 or email pgussman@nevinsinc.org

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: _____

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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: _____

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

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Fire Pup Day 	2	3 National Pumpkin Seed Day 	4 Dress like an Animal 	5 Get Funky Day 	6
7	8 Native American Day 	9 Pizza Day	10 World Homeless Day	11 	12 	13
14	15 Iye Dye Day 	16	17 	18 BC Walk 	19 Living my Best Life Day 	20
21	22 National Nut Day 	23 Petting Zoo 	24 Unity Day 	25 World Pasta Day 	26 	27
28	29 National Cat Day 	30	31 			