

Begin each day with a  
little courage, a little  
curiosity and a little  
*Spring* in your step.

-Doe Zantamata

# Nevins Inc.

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In March we celebrated Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and Nevins had the opportunity to celebrate and showcase our commitment to providing quality services and educating others on the opportunities that Nevins has to offer. Nevins attended the Metro School, Harding High School and East Mecklenburg High School Transitional Fairs. These three events offered options for families and the support they need

for post-secondary success for students needing ongoing services. We look forward to connecting with the families again in the future!

Our 3rd Annual Chili-Cook off was a success! I would like to extend a very big thank you to New Dominion Bank for being the official sponsor for the event and NoDa Brewery for hosting such a great venue. Also, I would like to thank the

following individuals as well as businesses for your continued support; Greg Smith and Mel Fundora, Blackfin Ameripub, Brixx Wood Fired Pizza, The Common Market, Derita Statesville Road Community Organization, Academy Sports, Cabot Creamery, Flip Side Restaurant, Bob and LeAnn Fenton, Jax Jackson, Phil Gussman, and of course our chili cooks and volunteers. Over \$1800 was raised! Our Nevins folks had such a great time last year, we have decided that all the proceeds will go to fund our 2nd. Annual beach trip to Myrtle Beach for our staff and individuals that Nevins supports on May 3-5.

The Nevins Special Olympics Team

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## March Employee of the Month - Shaneek Johnson!

Congratulations to Shaneek Johnson, our March Employee of the Month!

"I have been working at Nevins/Atrium since December 2018 and I truly enjoy working with my team! I especially enjoy working with my boss, Deon, who ensures that our team stays on task 24/7!! I enjoy working with my team so much because we work well together and communicate effectively. I also enjoy working with the individuals we serve and knowing I make a difference".



We really enjoy having Shaneek in the Nevins family! Not only does she do an excellent job at Nevins/Atrium, she also safely transports our individuals from the hospital to the main campus each day....all the while wearing that big, beautiful smile we have already come to love! We like to think we have **the best** staff at Nevins and Shaneek is proof positive that we are right!

Thanks for all you do, Shaneek, and congrats again!

### Events and Happenings!

**April 4th—  
Festa Pizza Party**

**April 13th—  
Nevins Spring Fling  
Reunion**

**April 18th—  
Easter Egg Hunt**

**May 2-5 —  
Beach Trip**

**May 19th—  
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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 Stanford Davis  
 Team Lead  
 Linda Moore  
 Team Lead  
 Deon Chism  
 Team Lead  
 Jonathan Martin  
 Program Supervisor  
 Cathy Duenkel  
 Admin. Assistant

## Abilities and Possibilities

March roared in like a lion and A & P tamed it.

We had an awesome month filled with lots of fun. We held our first book fair which was very successful. We surpassed our goal so thank you to everyone that participated in this effort and thank you Tasha and Adam for making this possible.

Our very own Nevins All Stars won the basketball game! Thank you to all that participated and a huge shout out goes to our very own Jesse B. for playing such a good game and showing up and showing out representing Nevins very well. It was an

awesome game! Thank you to our coaches for taking the time to make this a joyous memory: Jennifer, Anthony and Darryl you guys rock!

We also had a St. Patrick's Day party. Thank you, Dejah for helping out with the jello and cakes and all the party favors. Everything looked good and green.

Thank you to everyone for recognizing the van and bus drivers for their part in helping them get to Nevins to have a Great Day!

We had an ice cream party for the first day of Spring and invited the whole campus to share ice cream with us.

We had an awesome time bowling and going to the movies.

Our last adventure, but the one that they can't seem to get enough of, is going to CiCi's Pizza! They love this outing and are always on their best behavior. Thank you to all the staff that help on these outings, I can't thank you enough.

And lets welcome Quadejah back to the team. She is already full speed ahead with great ideas. Welcome back to our team!

- Margie "Rudy" Ware

## Executive Director's Letter (continued from cover)

has been training for the big games on April 30th. Share the moment with us at the Opening Ceremonies at Bojangles Arena on April 29th. at 10am and help cheer all the Olympians on to victory.

The 14th Annual Festa Italiana is right around the corner, to be held on Sunday May 19th! You still have time to purchase tickets and tables. Please go to [www.festaitalianacharlotte.org](http://www.festaitalianacharlotte.org) I look forward to seeing everyone there!

## CPCC/Nevins I-LEAD

The Community/Computer classes are working in the classroom on goals that will prepare them with job seeking skills. One Goal is completing an information form to take with them when filling out a job application.

In honor of EARTH DAY Monday, April 22, all classes will take part for the third year in our "Clean Sweep" of the outside grounds of the Nevins campus.

We will Google then create a worksheet on Easter. They will take it home on Thursday to share with family and loved ones all about the Easter season.

The Wednesday Vocational Education class will learn about jobs in the Store workbook. Students will take a field trip to Home Depot to shadow Tim at his job. Sandeep will speak to the class about his job at Harris Teeter. We will shadow Marlon at his Nevins contract job.

- Myra Robinson, CPCC/Nevins Instructor



# Chili Cook-Off and Nevins Fun!





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

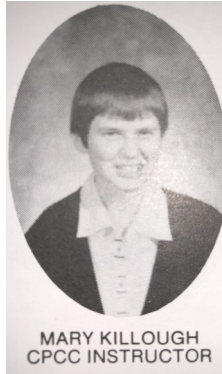
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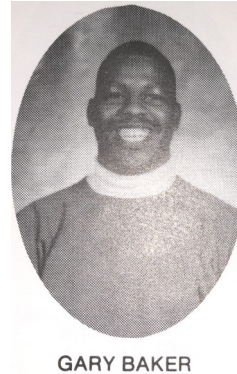
Remember that time in 1992!?  
- Natasha Young-Davis, Program Director



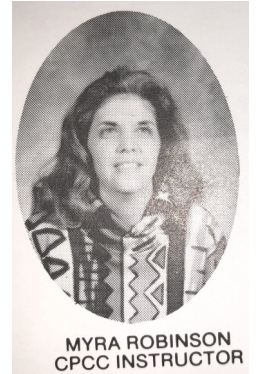
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CPCC INSTRUCTOR

## Nevins/Atrium Team

I would like to thank my consumers and staff for a job well done and for the impact they have daily on patient care. We have had a very productive and busy month transitioning through a lot of changes and validating all consumer and staff on our standard work checklists; however, we have been very successful at making sure all daily assignments are complete. Thanks again team!

- Deon Chism, Nevins/Atrium Team Lead



Erica S is our March  
Participant of the  
Month!

## SPRING FLING

**Where: Nevins, 3523 Nevin Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269**

**When: Saturday, April 13th 11:00am to 2:00pm**

**It's a Reunion! For our 60th. Anniversary we would like to invite all past Participants, Employees, Volunteers, Board Members, Friends and Family to our 2019 Spring Fling. Come out for lunch and help us mark a great Milestone in our history. Please share the news with anyone you might know!**



## Clinical Services Update

April is here and the air is filled with many possibilities, so please stay safe and love yourself to positive health and mental wellness.

*Be mindful of all that this month may bring because pollen is in the air and you may sneeze and swell but make sure you take your allergy pills as well. Just a little humor to make you smile.*

We would like to welcome all the new staff and participants who are a part of our Nevins family. Staff: Tonya Lash, Joann Smith and last, but not least, Lowell Russell and our new participant on the Innovations floor LaAnthony J. We also want to welcome Jarrius S. in our Support-

ed Employment Department. We would like to thank you all for being a part of the Nevins Family. Also, a big thank you to all the staff for their cooperation and efforts learning the Therap system and staying up to date on their data input.

April is National Autism Awareness month. Continue to celebrate everyone around you daily. Life is short, live it to the best of your ability because possibilities are endless! Continue to strive for greatness at Nevins and in all areas of your life.

-Kimberly Hailey, Program Manager of Clinical Services

- Tanisha Rorie, Program Supervisor/  
QP



## Supported Employment

I would like to thank all the drivers for getting our participants here and back home safely, we really appreciate it! Families, always remember, for any issues or concerns please reach out to me at 980/505-2388.

I would like to thank all of my staff for their hard work and dedication as our program continues to grow, we are very happy with the success we have had. A special thanks goes out to all the employers we work with in the community, you guys are part of the reason why we can make it possible here at Nevins. [Congratulations](#) to Miss Rose D. for landing a new job @ Cloister Honey. I'm sure you will do great! Also, [congratulations](#) to all Supported Employment participants that are out there working. When I do my visits to the work sites I get nothing but great compliments from your managers. You guys continue to do great! Always remember if you would like your loved one to be a part of a great and successful program please reach out to us here at Nevins.

-Jonathan Martin, Program Supervisor

## Nevins/Atrium Mercy Team

This month at Mercy has been our appreciation month. The 1st. week we had Ice Cream Bowls since Monday was extra busy and the team hung in there. The next week was for a big THANKS to everyone and we celebrate by having Salad Bowls. The third week was awards day where all individuals receipt a little personal Thank you note. And tomorrow will be Pop Corn Day and this is for the team always striving towards Nevins Mission.

- Linda Moore, Nevins/Atrium

## Aktion Club

Charlotte Mecklenburg Aktion Club met in the month of March. We discussed the service project and the upcoming fundraiser with Charlotte Checkers hockey team. It's going to be a tailgating party before the game with food, fun and fellowship with other surrounding counties' Aktion Clubs. The date is April 6, 2019 from 1:30pm-6:00pm (Hockey game begins at 6pm) Tickets are \$22 which includes food before the hockey game begins. Also, I would like to thank everyone for making the Saturn Nursing Home service project a great success. The nursing home residents were very excited about receiving the items from the Aktion Clubbers. Great job to everyone for your generous donation!

Aktion Club meets 1st & 2nd Wednesdays monthly 9:00-11:00am. Thanks!

-Delores Miller, Club Advisor



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

## Reminder that Festa Italiana is May 19th. 1pm—7pm

Tickets are available at [festaitalianacharlotte.org](http://festaitalianacharlotte.org)

We are also looking for some Silent Auction Donations. Anything that you might be able to contribute from gift cards, Jewelry, gift certificates to salon or spa services.

Almost anything can be included just drop off at the main office, if you have any questions email : [pgussman@nevinsinc.org](mailto:pgussman@nevinsinc.org)



Our motto is more than just a catchy phrase.

For 60 years, Nevins Inc. has been Creating Opportunities for personal success for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults in the Charlotte community.



### April Birthdays

Robert Harris	15th.
Helen Weeks-Martin	17th.
Wilbert Hines	27th.

## Celebrate with Nevins. Create Opportunities with Nevins.

To learn more about how you can help us create opportunities and celebrate 60 years with us, visit [nevinsinc.org](http://nevinsinc.org) and join us at Festa Italiana on May 19 from 1 - 7 p.m. to benefit Nevins. Tickets available at [festaitalianacharlotte.org](http://festaitalianacharlotte.org).



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or call 704-596-1372.

## Amazon Smile Program



The Amazon Smile program lets you help Nevins with each of your Amazon purchases! All you have to do is go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Nevins as your cause, then every time you shop on smile amazon (same prices as Amazon) 1/2 of a percent is donated to Nevins!

## 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 is 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# April 2019

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14		1 Wear your Clothes inside out Day!	2  Manwich	3 Aktion Club	4 Festa Kickoff Pizza Party Sponsored by Brooklyn South 	5 Walk at Work Day 	6
15	7	8 Draw a Bird Day 	9  Wendy's	10 National Sibling Day 	11 Bring a picture of your Pet Day! 	12 Grilled Cheese Day 	13 SPRING FLING! 
16	14	15 Art Contest 	16  Club Sandwich	17 Aktion Club	18 	19 CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY 	20
17	21	22 	23  Salad Bar	24 	25 World Penguin Day 	26 	27
18	28	29 Opening Day at Bojangles  Special Olympics 	30 Competition Day at Charlotte Country Day 				