

Here's to strong women.

May we know them.

May we be them.

May we raise them.

Nevins Inc.

MAY 2019



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We have had a great start to spring and we continue to celebrate our 60th Anniversary throughout 2019. On April 13th our Annual Spring Fling was held, and what a turnout we had! Thank you to all the staff, families, board members, and group homes that came by to celebrate and enjoy great food prepared by our Nevins Board of Directors, and entertainment by A.B. Congratulations to Deon Chism for receiving the 2018 Melanie Lester Employee of the

Year. Deon has been with Nevins for 4 years, and started out as a job coach, and had moved over to Atrium working with our individuals in the employment group as a model worker. Deon was promoted to team lead in 2017. In his own supervisor's words, "Deon has not only grown as a leader, but as a person. He is always willing to go the extra mile to make sure things are done the right way, even if it has him staying over his

required time to assure the needs of the hospital are met". We are thankful to have Deon as a part of our Nevins family, and thank you for a job well done.

Also, congratulations goes to Cynthia Rizzo for receiving the 2018 Bridget Murphy Patron of the Year Award. Cynthia served on the Nevins Board of Directors for several years. She truly has a heart and compassion for the individuals that Nevins serves, and has really made a difference in the individuals that Nevins serves. Cynthia was instrumental with the inception of the St. Anthony's Festa Italiana 14 years ago, with Nevins being the benefactor ever since. Without her commitment to the Nevins mission, this event never would have come to fruition. Thank you Cynthia!

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April Employee of the Month - Mattie Mack!

Congratulations to Mattie Mack, our April Employee of the Month!

Mattie has been employed with Nevins' Housekeeping since August 2018. She is such a hard worker, but always has a smile on her face.

"I love coming to work, seeing and interacting with my peers. My favorite part of the job is cleaning the cafeteria. At the end of the day when I ask my Supervisor, Patrice, if I did a good job she always says 'you did a great job today, Mattie'".

Mattie's job coach, Julie, told us that Nevins has given Mattie not only the opportunity to be independent, but has also given her self-esteem a boost.

Thank you for the compliment, but seeing that big smile on Mattie's face each day is reward enough for us!

Congrats again Mattie. You Rock!



Events and Happenings!

May 2-5 —
Beach Trip

May 15th —
MTS will NOT be running

May 19th—
Festa Italiana

May 27th—
Nevins is Closed but NoDa
Brewing is fundraising for us!

June 8th—
Nevins Harley Day

June 17th —
Camp Nevins Begins

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



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Abilities and Possibilities

A huge THANK YOU to Brooklyn Pizza for the Pizza Kick Off Party for our Festa Italiana which will be held on May 19. Hope to see lots of faves there! We had a great time at our Spring Fling. We had lots of fun, food and music. Our very own Robby S. received an award for being CPCC Student of the Year. Robby, we are so proud of you!

Thank you to everyone

that helped make our annual Easter Egg Hunt a success. We hunted for eggs, then played kick-ball. Thank you Mrs. Loretta for being a part of the A & P

Team. When I say she came to play, she came to play! We really enjoyed you the entire day Mrs. Loretta!

We had lots of Special Olympics winners! Thanks to all the staff and families that came out to support us. A special thank you to Pam

Glass, Robby Payne, Darryl Starks, Jennifer Hailey and Quadejah Davis for a great job coaching and making sure that our athletes were in the right competition area.

Way to go Deionna H. for being chosen May Participant of the Month. Deionna is always willing to help in any way she can.

- Margie "Rudy" Ware

Executive Director's Letter (continued from cover)

I would like to introduce Pamela Glass as our new Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships. Pamela is an accomplished community development professional with 10+ years of experience in relationship building, grant writing, project management, and business development. Pamela holds a BA degree in political science from Washington & Jefferson College and a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Pittsburgh. Most recently, she has been in a sales and customer service role in the telecom industry, winning awards for customer satisfaction and targeted revenue sales. Welcome aboard Pam!

The 14th Annual Festa Italiana is right around the corner, on May 19th. I hope to see everyone there! For more information, please visit www.festaitalinacharlotte.org

-Adam Lawlor, Executive Director

CPCC/Nevins I-LEAD

Congratulation to Robbie S. our CPCC Student of the Year! In celebration of Nevins "60th" anniversary of creating opportunities, Chris White and I chose Robbie S. He came to Nevins in 1991 and is now known as our "Nevins Historian." If you ask him about anyone that worked here since 1991 he can answer any question about them. What is even more amazing he can tell you the month and date of their birthday minus the year. He will tell you that you do not give that out. That is a good thing for us older people.

May is an exciting month for all CPCC Students as Spring Semester ends on Thursday, May 9. Students in the Community/Computer classes will receive their Certificates of Achievement along with their folder with the Goal they completed.

On Wednesday, May 8, the last day of Vocational Education class, students will invite family members and staff into the classroom to share their Profile Sheets. Students will be presented with their CPCC Certificates of Achievement for taking the class. They will take home their folders with their Vocational Education Goal they completed.

Summer Semester begins on Monday, May 20

We look forward to working with Miller Carbon; our Volunteer Master Gardner in planting and caring for our Nevins garden.

- Myra Robinson, CPCC/Nevins Instructor

Spring Fling & Olympians!

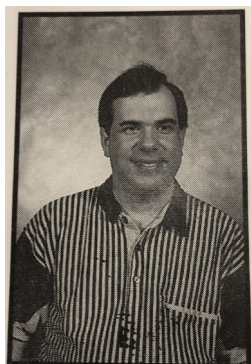


Creating opportunities for intellectually & developmentally disabled adults in Mecklenburg County through person – centered care and employment services.

Notes from Natasha

Remember that time in 1992!?

- Natasha Young-Davis, Program Director



Robbie Stogner



Delores Miller
Supervisor

Nevins/Atrium Team

I would like to thank all the individuals and staff for a job well done and for the impact they have in patient care. We have had a very productive and busy month transitioning through a lot of changes in the department. I would also like to thank and congratulate a few of our individuals who have shown their dedication to Nevins/Atrium by their many years of service:

Grover H. 20 years, Salvatore B. 19 years, Rebecca K. 23 years, Shonte C. 21 years, Mary D. 16 years, David P. 22 years, Janice B. 12 years, Julius W. 12 years and Jackie S. 29 years. You guys, as well as the individuals not listed, all deserve a great big THANK YOU! for all you do for the Nevins/Atrium team. It is truly appreciated!

- Deon Chism, Nevins/Atrium Team Lead



As part of Spring Fling we created the Nevins Tree for everyone that has helped make Nevins what it is now! Each of the “leaves” is signed by a past or current participant, staff, volunteer, or board member.



Deionna H is our April Participant of the Month!



Clinical Services Update

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 Charlotte Mecklenburg School System students with disabilities to help support their Post-secondary goals.

Circle Meeting: Harding High School, May 2

Circle Meeting: Phillip O. Berry High School, May 16

May marks the observation of Mental Health Awareness Month, which seeks to raise awareness of trauma and the impact mental health can have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of individuals and their communities. Mental health is described as a person's condition with regard to their psychological and emotional well-being. Here at Nevins we work with many individuals who have Mental Health diagnosis, and also are mindful that every individual's mental health is important;

members and staff alike. Below are just a few simple self-care tips for everyone to remember when dealing with their mental health:

Celebrate all of your victories (little ones included).

Forgive yourself.

Eat healthy and balanced meals.

Make a list of things you love about yourself.

Do something you've always wanted to do.

DANCE.

Have a one-on-one with yourself.

Change up your routine if possible.

Create a vision board for your future.

Start your day with gratitude.

For any Nevins employee needing additional assistance you can reach out to the Employee Assistance Program at: Carolinahshealthcare.org/EAP

-Kimberly Hailey, Program Manager of Clinical Services

- Tanisha Rorie, Program Supervisor/QP



Supported Employment

I would like to thank all my staff and individuals for your hard work and dedication, about 95% of our individuals are currently employed. It makes us feel so great to have placed such a high percentage. Here at Nevins, to know we are making our mission possible and putting big smiles on our individual's faces, that's what it's all about. To all my new staff and individuals that will be joining my program, I look forward to working with you guys. I know you all will do a wonderful job. Thanks for choosing Nevins.

Also, the Community Store is now back open we look forward to the growth of this store.

-Jonathan Martin, Program Supervisor

Nevins/Atrium Mercy Team

I would like to thank my individuals and staff for always striving to do their best for Patient Care. Nevins had Spring Fling this month and I would like to highlight 2 of my individuals for receiving an award for years of service. Jackie Stitt 29 years and Shonte Chatman 21years.

Our hats go out to all of Nevins/Hospital individuals. Our team makes sure all assignments are complete at the end of the work day and for that I say a big THANK YOU!

- Linda Moore, Nevins/Atrium

Aktion Club

Charlotte Mecklenburg Aktion Club's last meeting was a blast, we had game day with lots of great prizes given out and an unbelievable battle playing a corn-hole game that brought no winners, of course, but it was fun. Our next meeting will be May 1, 2019 @ 9am-11am. I expect we will be having great fun as usual.



Please note that the Aktion Club Car Wash has been postponed until June 5 @ 9am-11am here at Nevins. The cost of this fundraiser is \$8 carwash, \$2 tire shine. Please support our Aktion clubbers and thanks in advance. We meet monthly 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to come out. Big Thanks goes to staff who come out and support our clubbers during the meetings. 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

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



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.



May Birthdays

Shaneek Johnson	8th.
Jessica Stitt	18th.
Jennifer Hailey	19th.
Kay Wall	22nd.
Jax Jackson	25th.
Danielle Craig	30th.

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 and join us at Festa Italiana on May 19 from 1 - 7 p.m. to benefit Nevins. Tickets available at festaitalianacharlotte.org.



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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
or call 704-596-1372.

Memorial Day Fundraiser for Nevins!



The folks at NoDa were great to work with on the 3rd Annual Nevins Chili Cookoff! On May 27th Memorial Day as part of their “You Drink, We Donate” program they will be donating \$1 to Nevins for every beer that they sell. So from noon to 9pm come out to NoDa Brewing Co. at 2921 N. Tryon St.

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

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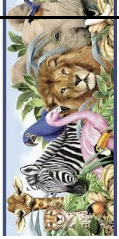
















I want the Nevins Newsletter emailed to me: _____ Please contact me. I want to learn more: _____

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: _____

May 2019

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18				1	2	3 	4
19	5 	6  Safari Day	7 Good Eats Menu Tacos	8 	9 	10  Bird Watching Day	11
20	12	13  Frog Jumping Day	14 Good Eats Menu Bag Lunch outside	15  Straw Hat Day	16  Sea Monkey Day	17 	18
21	19 	20  Rescue Dog Day	21 Good Eats Menu Pasta	22  Sherlock Holmes Day	23  Milkshake Day	24  Big Time Video Games on Wheels	25
22	26	27 Memorial Day (closed)  Fundraiser	28 No Good Eats Bring your "Leftover Lunch"	29  Compost Day	30  Indianapolis 500	31  Heat Awareness Day	