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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

Wow, it was so great to open our doors again on June 1st for our summer camp experience. Fifteen participants aged 16 years and older enjoyed music, yoga, arts, crafts, wellness opportunities, tasty food, and fellowship, Monday-Friday from June 1st-August 6th. They enjoyed going to the movies, bowling, visiting the Billy Graham Library, visiting the Schiele Museum in Gastonia, and having Elevation Church's Outreach Team come to campus during Love Week for a fun and games day. Many participants told me how much they loved Ice Cream and Fixin's Day and Field Day. To sum it up...fun was had by all!

I thoroughly enjoyed finally meeting many of you on Friday, July 16th when we hosted our summer celebration and awards luncheon. We were grateful that 75 folks joined us for great food provided by Bedder, Bedder, and Moore and an awards presentation to recognize all those that helped Nevins stay STRONG during the global pandemic. Please visit our social media platforms to check out the photos and fellowship from that magical Friday.

We have an exciting fall planned with Harley Day on Saturday, September 11th, the Royal Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 23rd, and Festa Italiana on Sunday, October 24th. Please come out to support the mission of Nevins and experience delicious food and great company as we transition into autumn.

As Covid-19 continues to spread throughout our community, Nevins continues to adhere to a safety protocol of mask wearing, temperature checks, social distancing, hand washing, and sanitizing our campus. The health and wellness of all stakeholders remains our top priority as we share these challenging times together.

Please consider coming out to the upcoming Charlotte Knights game on September 16th at 7:00 p.m. in your finest Nevins green as we receive a grant award from the Charlotte Knights Charities. We would love to welcome you to campus for a tour or visit with you during one of our upcoming events in September and October. Thanks for all your support as we build Nevins stronger together day-by-day.

Sincerely,

Davan Cloninger
Executive Director



A DREAM REALIZED

Marlon has been a participant at Nevins for 11 years and has worked in the Atrium Health Sterilization Unit for almost five years through our Supported Employment Program. Nevins Supported Employment Program aims to connect participants to meaningful employment opportunities that increase their independence, empower them through earning money, and support their personal goals.

When they first moved from New York to Charlotte, there were not many options available. They finally learned about Nevins and were happy to join. Marlon's mom said, "It's the best. They have lots of opportunities for learning, have a range of activities available, and provide a great social life... They really care for people with disabilities. It's a wonderful program." Since joining, Marlon has participated in community service through Meals on Wheels, loved going to classes on campus, and is passionate about the work at Atrium Health.



But there have been challenges along the way, especially when COVID-19 hit. Marlon said, "When they closed Nevins due to the pandemic, I felt very stressed out." Whenever Marlon, his family, and those he works with at Nevins face a challenge, they address it by communicating, discussing their options, and talking through plans with each other.

Marlon was thrilled when it was time to go back to work, even though working in the hospital has changed and there are nerves because of the pandemic. Marlon is on the team responsible for collecting and cleaning hospital equipment and returning them for hospital use once done. This work has been imperative, especially during COVID-19, to ensure a safe and clean hospital environment and quality patient care. Marlon mentioned, "I hope everyone can come back, be safe, and wear their mask."

About his overall time at Nevins, Marlon says, "My experience at Nevins has helped me a lot." His family is also grateful to Nevins for the Supported Employment program and other opportunities it has provided. Marlon's mother Inez said, "Marlon is so happy to do the work. Thank you to Nevins for creating the opportunity to keep working."



"I love working at Atrium and working with my peers and supervisors. People need to see that we can be independent and like everyone else."
- Marlon G., Nevins Atrium Team Member

Nevins Inc. 4th Annual

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Join Nevins at Upcoming Events

We are hosting our 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off on October 23rd, 12-3 p.m. at NoDa Brewing Company. Competitors will be serving up the best chili dishes you've ever had paired with some of Charlotte's best local beer – all to benefit Nevins participants. There will be fabulous raffle prizes, music, great company, and tons of fun.

Now through October 22nd, tickets are available to purchase at pre-event pricing (scan QR code). Each ticket includes: chili sampling and a vote for the best traditional and alternative chili, one beer, one raffle ticket and an event t-shirt.

Have a great chili recipe? Bring the heat and register to compete today. We still have a couple spots open! To enter to compete contact development@nevinsinc.org.

We are grateful and indebted to our board of directors, individual and corporate donors, business partners, sponsors, grantors and volunteers who support us faithfully. It is through their support that we are able to remain mission focused and meet the needs of our program participants.

The Charlotte Knights are highlighting Nevins and presenting us the "Safe at Home" grant award at their game on **September 16th**. Show your Nevins support by purchasing tickets and wearing green to the game!



Nevins Board Leadership



**Tom Gottcent,
Nevins Board Vice-Chair**

Tom Gottcent is one of our longest-serving board members, joining almost ten years ago. When fellow Nevins board member Greg Smith approached him to join, Tom requested some time to think about it. Within ten days of the offer, Tom found out that his youngest nephew was on the Autism Spectrum.

"I knew I had my answer. So, in many ways I did not choose Nevins....it was chosen for me by a higher power."

Tom is proud of Nevins' progress from when he first joined. He says, "...when I joined, almost 10 years ago, Nevins was close to shutting its doors and today we are thriving." He believes that Nevins' transformation is due to the committed team of staff that has been built and prevailed over ten years of changes, and the financial leadership of Fractional CFO, Greg Brown.

He highlights Pamela Glass for executing development strategies Nevins has not done before and Kim Hailey and Tanisha Rorie's daily work. He also mentions, "Of course, we simply "outkicked our coverage" with CEO Davan Cloninger."

As a board member, he has built invaluable relationships with participants, staff, and fellow board members. Tom reflects on his memories from celebrating Nevins' 60th Anniversary, three Executive Directors, multiple Board changes, creating a better campus, and is excited for more to come!

"At this stage of my life and career, I have a little more time on my hands and I plan to use it in the best way possible. I credit my time at Nevins for that. My time with Nevins has truly taught me what Servant Leadership is about. In the past, I have been consumed with retirement savings, bills, the expense of raising children, tuition, and many other things. From my time at Nevins, I learned what it means to truly help others."



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Nevins is committed to creating a community where all adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities reach for their full potential.