



# NEVINS NEWS TO KNOW

A NEVINS INC NEWSLETTER

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## NEVINS FOR THE HOLIDAYS...

**We worked, created, danced, and ate our way through the season...**

In the vibrant community of Nevins, our enthusiasm for working on our goals is only matched by our excitement for our lively celebrations. From the spirited atmosphere of Halloween to the festive new beginnings of New Year's Eve, we recognize and value the friendships and connections we build within our community.



We are committed to providing our participants with meaningful experiences that every adult deserves. Embracing life with us means finding a balance between hard work and enjoyment. Mastering this balance is an essential skill that enhances our lives.

Both our Innovations and Abilities and Possibilities programs are working off the same calendars. You can always see what we're up to by going to our homepage and clicking "Nevins Daily Calendar" (as shown here):



As you explore our website, we invite you to delve into our "Call to Action." Nevins proudly supports many participants through the North Carolina Innovations waiver. Across the state, a staggering 17,000 individuals await essential services, and since 2013, merely 2,300 new waiver slots have emerged. The balance between availability and demand remains precarious. Join us in urging the incoming North Carolina legislators to prioritize funding for the Innovations waiver. Furthermore, the dedicated Direct Support Professionals, who tirelessly serve our community, deserve wages that reflect their invaluable contributions. We ask that you advocate for higher compensation for these essential workers as a funding priority.



Please consider honoring Nevins with a \$65 donation to celebrate our 65 years. Use the QR code to donate. We thank everyone who has contributed to this initiative.

## NEVINS AT NIGHT



We're thrilled to introduce our exciting new initiative: Nevins at Night! Get ready for some mid-week magic as we open our doors on select Wednesday evenings until 7 PM! Our fantastic program is all about fun and connection, featuring movie nights, game extravaganzas, and so much more. This is a wonderful opportunity for our participants to hang out, and enjoy some delightful activities, while caregivers can take a well-deserved break, catch up on personal tasks, or simply relax. The buzz from our initial Nevins at Night events has been amazing, and we can't wait for more nights filled with laughter, joy, and camaraderie. Check the calendar for specific dates, and join us for an unforgettable evening!



## Friendsgiving

With heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed Nevins Board of Directors, who graciously provided a delightful feast from Golden Corral, we gathered once more to celebrate our cherished Nevins Friendsgiving this year.

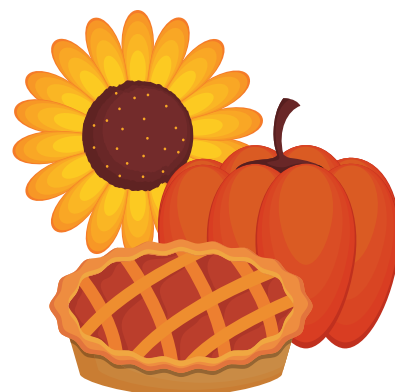


**THANKFUL**  
FOR OUR BOARD!

Many participants eagerly stepped into the limelight, sharing their deepest thankfulness for the dedicated Nevins staff, fellow participants, and all who weave the fabric of Nevins. In this spirit of gratitude, they also showcased their remarkable talents in an impromptu talent show.

Following our delightful lunch and spontaneous talent showcase, we ushered in the inaugural Turkey Trot Dance Party. The air was alive with the rhythm of beloved tunes such as "September," "The Cupid Shuffle," "The Cha Cha Slide," and "I Wanna Dance With Somebody." Joy radiated from every corner, as everyone reveled in the merriment.

If you or someone you know wants to participate in an upcoming holiday celebration, please let us know at [development@nevinsinc](mailto:development@nevinsinc)







## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Popcorn Sale**      **Until Jan 21**  
**Order now! (See below)**

**Festa Italiana**      **May 18th**

### Halloween

Trunk or Treat is always a favorite!



Do you have a social, religious, or civil group that would be interested in hosting an event with our participants? Let us know!

**“THE ONLY SURE WAY TO AVOID MAKING MISTAKES IS TO HAVE NO NEW IDEAS”.**  
**~ALBERT EINSTEIN**



## Christmas & Jingle Ball



First thing in the morning brought a jolly visit from Santa! He brought with him delightful candy canes and boundless joy.

With heartfelt gratitude to staff member Edward House and his family, our Nevins Family Christmas Luncheon was filled with festive cheer.

Following our feast, we twirled and swayed to lively holiday tunes at the enchanting Jingle Ball. Truly, it was a splendid way to embrace the season!

## New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve had us partying like it's...2025!

We had a sparkling beverage toast and countdown to noon, and then did some dancing to start off our new year in our favorite way. Soul Trains and shuffles, chas chas and classics.

We can't wait to see what kind of things we'll be creating in this new year, and we're so glad you're along with us for the journey!



**"THE BIGGEST ADVENTURE YOU CAN TAKE IS TO LIVE THE LIFE OF YOUR DREAMS."**

**~OPRAH WINFREY**





## Management Staff:

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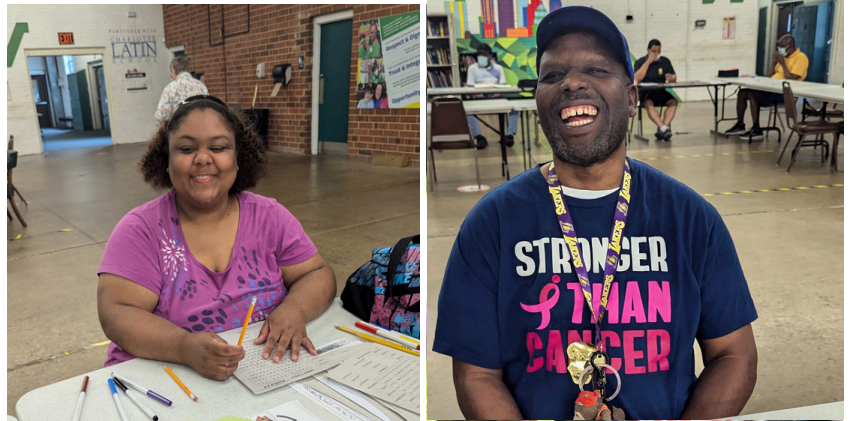
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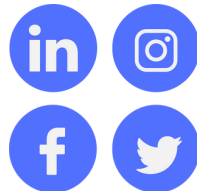
**Marcus Hatcher,**  
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## **KEEP IN TOUCH WITH NEVINS**

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