



NEVINS NEWS TO KNOW

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SPRINGING INTO SUMMER

Warmer months means we're on the go...

It's hard to believe that half of the year is gone. Time does fly when you're having fun. It seems like we were just decking the halls for Christmas, and now we're deep into summer camp. One thing you can be sure of is that we're always finding new ways to create opportunities for our friends here at Nevins.

Job Placement and Retention for FY2024-2025



100% of participants were placed at a job within 3 months of beginning their job search.



Increase in the number of participants who were placed in jobs in the community from the previous fiscal year.



Increase in the number of participants placed in employment and maintained employment for at least 90 days from the previous fiscal year.



Grants Awarded for FY2024-2025

\$33,852

A look by the numbers shows us that Nevins has had great success in placing our participants in jobs. All of our participants found a job within 3 months of starting their search. We had a 50% increase in participants being placed in jobs in the community, and ALL of them maintained employment for at least 90 days.

In addition, Nevins was awarded over \$33,000 in grants including one for transportation, and one to benefit our Innovations Direct Support Professionals.



Nevins Inc. is made possible through a combination of public and private funds. If you would like to contribute to the mission of Nevins, please scan the QR Code to make a donation.

FESTA ITALIANA CHARLOTTE

On a beautiful afternoon in May, we gathered for the 20th Anniversary of Festa Italiana Charlotte.

18 restaurants, a dozen performers, and a whole lot of people came out to celebrate. The smell of real Italian food filled the air, mixing with lively music and happy laughter. It was an extremely successful event and we are grateful to the St. Anthony Foundation for hosting it every year.



Davan Cloninger, Nevins Executive Director, spoke to the crowd about the mission of Nevins. Board member Tracy Suggs spoke passionately about his daughter Treana's experience at Nevins, and Abilities and Possibilities program participant Helen performed a beautiful poem that she had written herself. A wonderful time was had by all.



BONUS CONTENT

SOPHIA ANTONUCCI KELLSTROM



Special Guest to Festa this year Sophia Antonucci Kellstrom, our True Southern Italian Belle, has won the title of Miss North Carolina and will represent NC for the national title! Congrats!



AT THE CAR WASH

Aktion Club hosted their annual car wash fundraiser on June 18th, 2025. It was a big success and we had lots of good, clean fun doing it. Money raised goes towards helping participants pay their club dues. Aktion Club is a service club for people with disabilities that is a partner organization of the Kiwanis Club. Nevins has been participating in Aktion Club for many years,

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

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~BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

BLOCK PARTY

In lieu of our typical Summer Celebration, Nevins threw a block party for our participants, their families, and the neighborhood. We enjoyed burgers and hotdogs with all the fixin's, as well as watermelon and snow cones to beat the heat. The DJ kept us rocking to our favorite tunes, and we enjoyed the time to fellowship together,



As part of our summer celebration, we always take the time to recognize people who have gone above and beyond during the 2024-2025 year

Two of the awards are named after former Nevins employees that passed away in a car accident many years ago.

This year's winners are...

ANNUAL AWARDS

Melanie Lester Employee of the Year
TJ Crite

Nevins Participant of the Year
Rodney Broadway

Bridget Murphy Patron of the Year
Jasmine House Scholarship Foundation

Corporate Partner of the Year
Men of ACTS - Central Church of God

Volunteer of the Year
Giovanni Grimaudo

**1. "NO ONE REALLY KNOWS WHY THEY ARE ALIVE UNTIL
THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'D DIE FOR."
~MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**



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KEEP IN TOUCH WITH NEVINS

Here at Nevins we are a large "family", a family that consists of participants who utilize our programs, the parents or caregivers of our participants, our talented staff, dedicated volunteers and our generous donors and community partners. Our newsletter is available in digital format via e-mail. If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter electronically, please subscribe to the newsletter on our website at www.nevinsinc.org.

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