



Summer Camps Made a Difference

This year 95 children participated in summer camps provided by the Stevens Center. 26 participants had a diagnosed disability. All camps were open to every person in the community, based on age. This reflects the Stevens Center's philosophy that people of all abilities should be included in the community.

Every camp gave individuals with a disability opportunity to be included in a camp with their peers that do not have a disability. In a couple of cases this meant siblings could be in the same camp—the youth with a disability was welcomed and included.



“Encouragement from volunteers and fellow artists gave a couple of shy artists the courage to speak in front of their peers about their art projects.”

Joann Thaxton



“The best part of camp was the change in interaction between participants with and without disabilities. The youths without a disability took an increasing interest in campers who have a disability by engaging them in activities, including them in activities that were already underway, and providing direction.

*Bill Carter
READY Camp Director*



“My grandson and nephew attended Larry Goins Basketball and READY Day camps; they are still talking about the fun they had on field trips and getting to work on the computers even months later.

A Volunteer during camp made a very positive impact on my grandson by taking the extra time to work with him. These are good programs and great experiences for our youth. They can't wait until next year”.

Mark Swann



“My son had a lot of fun and great interaction with new friends of all abilities. At READY camp he learned new skills and participated in activities he had never done before. He said making new friends was the best part.

“His twin brother, who does have a disability, enjoyed the Free-to-Be-Me camp. He loved it and is already thinking about next year.

“Being relatively new to the area, Stevens Center has been a true blessing for my family. I love Stevens Center for the compassion and variety of services they offer the community at such an affordable price. I definitely intend to enroll my children next year.”

Sara Rodriguez

Volunteers and Interns Make A Difference

Central Carolina Community College students that are pursuing a degree in Human Services Technology must complete a 160 hour internship prior to graduation. Several CCCC students have completed their internship at the Stevens Center.

CCCC student, Kelsey Cassidy has just begun her internship here. She will be working with the Connections program, which helps adults with developmental disabilities network with the community.

Kelsey has been employed at an area group home for several years, and chose to intern at the Stevens Center in order to get another perspective.



Kelsey gets to know Blaine.



High school volunteer Javier with Program Coordinator Elizabeth

She noted, “At work I am given the plan for a person that lives here, for me to implement. As part of my internship, I actually get to develop my own plan of instruction, and then implement it.

“And, generally,” Kelsey continued, “group homes have quite a few restrictions that people living there have to abide by. At the Stevens Center’s Connections program, people are given a lot of freedom to learn and grow. I am interested in being able to compare the two different ways of doing things.”

Kelsey’s long-term goal is to stay in a field related to people with disabilities, perhaps as a vocational counselor. Her experience here should be invaluable.

Javier is a Lee County high school student that volunteered weekly during the summer. His youthful demeanor and love of basketball was a nice addition to the summer program. His consistency was truly appreciated.

Calendar of Events

For more information on any event call 919 776-4048 or visit www.stevenscenter.org, where additions and changes will also be posted. *Training Registration forms are on the website.*

Weekly:

Mon-Thurs Connections Program 8 a.m—2 p.m.
Tues Walking and Aerobic Exercise 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Free

Fri Sept 2 First Friday Night 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Cancelled for Labor Day
Mon Sept 5 Stevens Center closed for Labor Day
Tue. Sept 13 ABLE presentation (see back page) Stevens Center 6-7 p.m.
Wed. Sept. 7 NCI Initial Certification 8:30am to 3:30 pm, \$50
Tues. Sept. 20 NCI Recertification 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$35
Fri. Sept 26 ABLE presentation, CCCC Lillignton campus, 6 p.m. –7:00 p.m.

Fri Oct 7 First Friday Family Night 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Bring a snack to share
Tues Oct. 11 NCI Recertification Part A 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. \$35

Fri Nov 4 First Friday Family Night 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.-Bring a snack to share
Monday Nov. 7 Living Well Health Fair 9 a.m. to noon (see back page)
Tues. Nov 08 NCI Recertification Part A, 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. \$35
Thurs Nov 24 Stevens Center closed for Thanksgiving

Fri Dec 2 Stevens Center Dinner and Dance (DJ Gene Dickens) 5:30-8 p.m.
Hosted by Pocket Presbyterian Church- Bring a dessert to share
Tues. Dec 13 NCI Recertification Part A, 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p. m. \$35
Mon Dec 21 thru Fri Jan 1 Stevens Center closed for Christmas/New Year’s

Fri Jan 6 First Friday Family Night 6-8 p.m. Bring a snack to share
Wed Jan 20 NCI Recertification Part A, 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p. m. \$35
Sat Feb 10 *Stevens Center Annual Valentine’s Prime Rib Dinner and Auction, 6 p.m.*

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12/15/59 - 5/31/16
Dale was an active participant in many of the Steven Centers' activities.

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 **Charity Day Sale!**
Saturday, Nov. 5
6:00-10:00 a.m.
To support the Stevens Center, purchase your
required \$5 ticket in advance from us.

You are invited to the



Living Well Health Fair

for adults of all ages and abilities

Information booths and demonstrations
on achieving better health
through prevention,
good nutrition, and physical activity

Monday, November 7, 2016


9 a.m. to noon

at the Stevens Center

1576 Kelly Drive in Sanford
(about one mile past CCCC)

**FREE health screenings including blood
pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar levels,
BMI, vision, & blood oxygen saturation**

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Oct. 11 –15th
Come between 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
And for a a \$2 donation to
Stevens Center
receive a hotdog, chips and a soda


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FREE Stevens Center Presentation

ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience)

Sept. 13th Sanford 6 - 7 p.m. at Stevens Center,

Sept. 26th Lillington 6 -7 p.m. CCCC Campus

Miriello Building, Room M141

The Federal **ABLE Act** provides a new option for
families with special-needs financial planning.
This presentation will provide information about
the new ABLE accounts that may ensure that a
family member will be provided for—financially,
physically and emotionally.

Presenter: Lisa Whalen, Thrivent Financial

To register call Stevens Center 919-776-4048

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