



“I’ve always enjoyed taking care of people and helping people feel better, so nursing seemed like the natural thing to do. I also have a special needs nephew with autism and cerebral palsy, so working with Grafton’s demographic of clients is of personal interest to me.”



– CALISA  
EDWARDS

*Nurse Manager*

NATIONAL   
**NURSES**  
WEEK

“I can’t think of anything in the world that I would rather do than teach exceptional children. Watching them grow is absolutely amazing. Just knowing you’re teaching them things that they are going to take with them is 100% worth it.”



– **VIRGINIA SIMMONS**

*Special Education  
Teacher*

*Teacher Appreciation  
Week*



“He struggled with us for a while before we discovered his passion for art. I gave him the opportunity to use his passion and skills, and he excelled... I like to think that we changed the path he was following and showed him that life had great opportunities for him.”



**– TONY SANDERS**

*Chief Operating  
Officer, Facility-  
Based Services*

**GIVING  
TUESDAY**





“When he recognized me, he just stopped and started screaming my name. That was pretty cool. It’s a special feeling when a student is so excited to see you.”

– **TEACHER**  
*Richmond*



*Teacher Appreciation*  
**Week**



“The joy and laughter that he brought into our sessions really carried me some days. As much as I helped him, I think he helped me as well.”



– **KATIE SOUDERS**

*Behavior Specialist*

**GIVING  
TUESDAY**



“I remember there was one resident who would always squeal and jump up and dance when I would enter the home to begin my shift. That greeting gave me such a warm and fuzzy feeling of appreciation.”



– **SONIA EASTER**  
*Retired Group  
Home Substitute*



“Gradually, his behaviors started to change, and by the time he left he was a totally different person... It makes you happy to see that people can actually follow through with the work that you’re doing.”



**– ANTOINETTE  
COMER**  
*Clinician*

**GIVING  
TUESDAY**