

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **INAUGURAL DANCE-A-THON A SUCCESS**

*Civitan Foundation's first-ever Dance-A-Thon to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and raise funds to support services and programs exceeded the organization's expectations.*

PHOENIX (October 2, 2018) – As with any first-time event, there is much uncertainty and excitement in its outcome. Civitan Foundation started its planning for its Dance-A-Thon in February 2018, and before the planners knew it, the party started at noon on Friday, September 28.

Civitan's Dance-A-Thon was designed as a fundraiser as part of the year-long 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Civitan Foundation, a non-profit with a mission of delivering superior life experiences, programs and services to enhance the quality of life for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The goal of the event was to create an activity where the members of Civitan would actively participate and that meant dancing!

The Dance-A-Thon was 12-hours of dancing, music, food, face painting, games and plenty of action. More than 150 dancers, guests and vendors participated in the event, held at Gateway Academy at 3939 E. Shea. The dance raised about \$20,000. The money raised at the Dance-A-Thon fundraiser will help purchase needed equipment and supplies for the services Civitan provides for more than 1,200 people each year throughout the state of Arizona.

Since 1968, with the opening of Camp Civitan in Williams, Arizona, Civitan has enhanced the quality of life for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Today, Civitan Foundation provides services throughout the Phoenix metro area, Williams and Maricopa. Services in Williams include the 15-acre fully accessible Camp Civitan, an adult day program and Civitan on 66 Boutique western-themed thrift store. In Phoenix, programs include the Civitan Village Adult Life Learning Center, the Respite Ranch, Flerish Design & Resale thrift store and Group Supported Employment programs. Civitan also offers an adult day programs in Maricopa and Williams, as well Home and Community Based Services statewide.

The Civitan team is looking forward to next year's event. Stay tuned! Join us for the Civitan Holiday Market on Thursday, November 15 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Civitan Village, 12645 N. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

For more information about Civitan Foundation and how you can give to support children and adults with developmental disabilities, go to [www.CivitanFoundationAZ.org](http://www.CivitanFoundationAZ.org).

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### **About Civitan Foundation, Inc.**

Civitan Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, serving more than 1,200 individuals and families per year, that works to provide our community an accessible, safe and affordable environment while delivering superior life experiences to enhance the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities of all ages. Founded in 1968, Civitan is committed to becoming Arizona's foremost visionary and resource in the provision of unmatched, innovative services for individuals with disabilities. Civitan's flagship programs include Camp Civitan, a residential camp experience in Williams, Arizona, and the Civitan Foundation Village; a multi-disciplinary Life Learning day program (DTA) and vocational training center (GSE) with opportunities in digital multimedia productions, visual and performing arts, a culinary institute, art program and music lab. Civitan also offers respite and recreation programs (RSP), Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), and youth programs (DTS). Learn more at [www.civitanfoundationaz.org](http://www.civitanfoundationaz.org).