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Camp Civitan honors Charlie Riggs

Charlie Riggs receives plaque Nov. 30 from local Camp Civitan group to honor his hard work

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It was a night to remember for one Williams man Nov. 30.

Peers, friends and family honored Charlie Riggs, long-time facility manager for the Williams Camp Civitan location, by awarding him with a special commemorative plaque for all his hard work at the northern Arizona camp throughout the last seven years.

Over 100 individuals turned out for the special evening event despite the inclement weather outside. The plaque was kept a secret from Riggs, who had no idea he was to be honored Nov. 30.

"Charlie Riggs has worked to help us build our dreams into realities for the past seven years. His dedication and endless days of hard work and talents have built the best camp in Arizona and a place we are very proud of," said Dawn Trapp, executive director for Camp Civitan. "We are blessed to have Charlie and his wife Cossette as part of our Civitan family. Charlie has helped us upgrade old buildings, design and build new areas for our special needs campers, which is a special home away from home for hundreds of campers each year."

Ed Trapp, with the Civitan Foundation board of directors, presented Riggs with the plaque.

Riggs said he was thrilled by the honors he received during the Nov. 30 event.

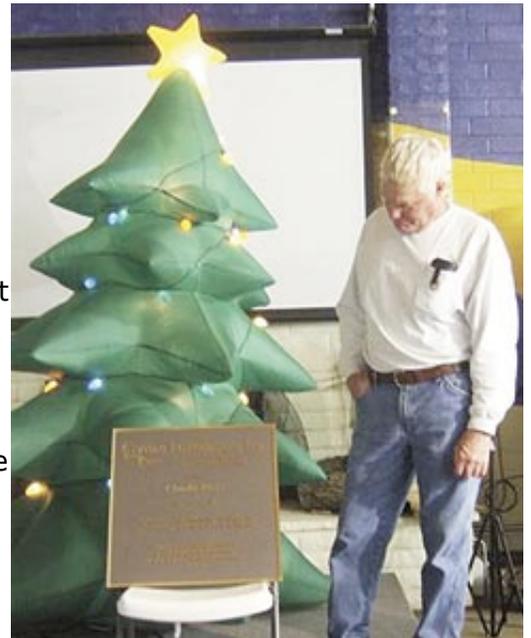
"It's quite a plaque. It probably weighs about 40 pounds," he said.

The bronze plaque, recognizing Riggs, kicked off Civitan's new brick "memory wall" located at Camp Civitan's observation deck overlooking the multi-plex athletic field. Bricks will be available for purchase from the community and can be engraved, according to Trapp. Money from the sale of the bricks will be used to help fund the local camp.

Plenty to do

Riggs, a retired contractor from California, said he originally moved to the area seeking "something to do."

"I ran into Civitan and decided that was a good cause," he said.



Some of the work Riggs has performed at the Camp includes painting, new sidewalks and a number of large remodeling projects. The bathrooms, as well as a number of other locations on the site, have been renovated thanks to his hard work. He's currently working to install metal roofs at the camp, as well as a number of other projects.

"There's plenty to do," he said.

Camp Civitan in Williams was founded in 1968. The 501(c)3 will celebrate 40 years of operation next year. The camp is located near the H.A. Clark Memorial Airfield north of town and hosts a number of developmentally disabled campers each year.

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