

Feeding Kids for Free and Providing Job Opportunities for People With Special Needs Go Hand-in-Hand This Summer

PHOENIX -- May 10, 2016 -- Civitan Foundation, Inc.'s participation in the Summer Food Service Program creates more meaningful job opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in our chef-led culinary program.



Civitan is partnering with several sites in the Phoenix metro area and Williams, Arizona, to offer free nutritious meals over the summer. Culinary members will be preparing and delivering the food with supervision.

"It's fulfilling for the crew to use their kitchen skills to help the community," said Melissa Galbraith, Program Coordinator. "Our chefs' eyes light up when they see that members have come into their own, and know how to complete their tasks with little instruction. We're excited to participate again in Summer Food."

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Program created to provide free meals to low-income children, 18 years and younger, who might not otherwise have a source of nutritious food when school is out. It is administered at the state level by the Arizona Department of Education.

Civitan's SFSP 2016 sponsored sites include **Civitan Village, Lincoln Family Downtown YMCA, Longview Neighborhood Recreation Center, Sunnyslope Community Center, Williams Recreation Center**, and outside at **Excelencia, James W. Rice Primary** and **Valley View Schools**. For a complete list with dates and meal-service times, please contact the Program Coordinator.

About Civitan Foundation, Inc.

Established in 1968, Civitan Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization that delivers tailored programs and services designed to enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Those include Adult Day Treatment, Vocational Programs and Home and Community Based Services. Two of Civitan's crowning achievements are Camp Civitan and Civitan Village. At the forefront of our mission is removing barriers and opening new doors of opportunity for the special-needs community.

The Cook-er-y, Civitan Village's commercial kitchen, also caters events throughout the year.

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