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Dance-A-Thon Is A Virtual Fundraiser That Lets You Dance With The Stars

Civitan Foundation's annual fundraising event supports programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

PHOENIX (July 28, 2019) – An event of dancing, music, food, face painting, games and plenty of action may sound like one of the Valley's music festivals, but it's all happening at Civitan Foundation's Annual Dance-A-Thon on Friday, September 20 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Dance-A-Thon is an annual fundraising event to help Civitan expand programs and services that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The Dance-A-Thon is a fun dance with an online fundraising component. The dance is being held at Gateway Academy, located at 3939 E. Shea Boulevard in Phoenix. Starting at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 20, the dance is open to all groups, individuals and corporate teams. Participants may either dance for fun with our community of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, sponsor a dancer or a team, or help fundraise on behalf of Civitan by creating an online Fun-raiser dancer page. There is a \$10 donation requested at the door if not pre-registered as a Fun-raiser.

"The idea of having a Dance-A-Thon was a no-brainer," said Civitan Foundation's Chief Executive Officer Dawn Trapp. "Our members love to dance, so we designed an event that we all like to do, will be fun and hopefully generate a lot of support from our community for people with developmental disabilities."

To help fundraise for this event, participants register on Civitan Foundation's website, www.civitanfoundationaz.com/dance-a-thon/ and share their Fun-raiser page with family and friends. The Dance-A-Thon is an opportunity for businesses to form teams for group team-building or as an organizational community fundraiser. College sororities and fraternities, as well as high school groups and leadership groups, are also encouraged to participate and register for the Dance-A-Thon.

Fun-raiser participants for the Dance-A-Thon are eligible to win prizes by the amount of money they raise. Prizes range from Dance-A-Thon party glasses to a catered lunch for up to 15 people. Top Fun-raisers are eligible for a chance to win a two-night stay at Trapper's Rendezvous Bed and Breakfast in Williams, Arizona.

The Dance-A-Thon is free for all special needs organizations and special education programs. Food is available for purchase, catered by the Cook-er-y, Civitan Foundation's vocational job training and employment program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information about special needs programs attending the Dance-A-Thon, contact Melissa Galbraith at mgalbraith@campcivitan.org or call 602-953-2944.

Funds raised by the Dance-A-Thon will help purchase needed equipment and expand programs and services Civitan provides for more than 1,400 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 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 program in Maricopa and Home & Community Based Services statewide.

To learn more about the Dance-A-Thon and opportunities for sponsorship, demonstrations or volunteering, go to www.civitanfoundationaz.com/dance-a-thon/.

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About Civitan Foundation, Inc.

Civitan Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, serving more than 1,400 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.