

# OUR CENTER



## Areas of Research Include:

- Autism spectrum disorders
- Cerebral palsy
- Pediatric multiple sclerosis
- Alzheimer's disease
- Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Brain cancer
- Down syndrome
- Parkinson's disease
- Acute brain and spinal cord injury
- Rett Syndrome

## Other research program currently underway:

- Computerized games to teach facial recognition skills to children with autism
- Long-term effects of ABA therapy for children with autism
- Understanding the cognitive effects of explosive blast injuries
- Treating memory deficits caused by epilepsy
- New treatments for paralysis caused by spinal cord injuries
- Finding the root cause of neuromuscular disorders (such as Parkinson's disease)
- Building the world's first comprehensive database on Rett syndrome
- Genetic therapy for patients with Rett syndrome
- Prospective treatments for brain cancer and cerebral palsy
- Training physicians to treat people with developmental disabilities



Over the years, Dance-a-thon has raised more than \$1.1 million for charities including the Civitan International Research Center, Children's Miracle Network, and the International Summer Special Olympics.

Your pledge supporting the Civitan International Research Center will provide much-needed funding to: support new research projects, new trainees, fellows and emerging scholars; establish scholarships; and create new services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

For more information regarding Junior Civitan and the Civitan International Research Center, visit our website at [www.juniorcivitan.org](http://www.juniorcivitan.org).



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# JUNIOR CIVITAN

# DANCE-A-THON



COMFORTABLE SHOES, RHYTHM AND BLUES, AND

# MUSIC TO ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK



Junior Civitan leaders will be soliciting pledges for the Dance-a-thon event. Please give generously when the participant from your area visits!

## START YOUR ENGINES

We dance and we dance—for twelve hours straight—and we do it because it is a rewarding challenge. The Dance-a-thon is one of Junior Civitan's top annual fundraising events. Junior Civitan leaders from throughout the United States and Canada take part. All proceeds benefit the Civitan International Research Center, an institution solely dedicated to the research of developmental disabilities and other cognitive disorders. We hope to raise more than \$60,000 through this international project this year!

## THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Since 1974, Junior Civitan International, Junior and Civitan clubs of Canada and now the United States have sponsored the Dance-a-thon.

Dancers are given breaks every hour to rejuvenate with prescribed menus of food and drinks intended to maintain the participants' endurance. Also, a mid-point, half-hour break is offered for an extended rest.

Donations can be made to each participant or direct to Civitan International. Donate online today by visiting [www.juniorcivitan.org/donate](http://www.juniorcivitan.org/donate). Just click the Dance-a-thon "Donate" button and include your participants name to ensure they receive credit for the donation.

## OUR ULTIMATE GOAL

Junior Civitan assists Civitan International in raising donations for the Civitan International Research Center. The Center is a facility that researches the causes of developmental disabilities and provides clinical services for individuals and families in need.

The Civitan International Research Center has gained enthusiastic acceptance from both the scientific and academic communities and now has more than 200 scientists, clinicians, students, interns, residents, fellows, and staff from around the world representing 40 specialty areas.

Healthcare professionals in your area refer individuals from your community to the Civitan International Research Center. In this way, the Civitan Center's discoveries and accomplishments offer help and hope to people in your community and around the world.

**ALL PLEDGES MUST BE COLLECTED BY FEBRUARY 7**