

Civitan International Research Center

Junior Civitan's main fundraising beneficiary is the Civitan International Research Center. The Center, located at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, brings together top scientific minds, and the latest technology, to create new innovative therapies and treatments for people who have developmental disabilities. The money raised by Junior Civitans benefits the Family Assessment Center (FAC) within the Research Center. The FAC operates on the basic concept that developmental disabilities not only affect individuals, but also their supporting families. Junior Civitan's support enables the FAC to conduct studies and research needed to provide comprehensive family treatment.



Membership

Junior Civitan members seek to meet the needs of our world and promote progress in a world of change. You can be a part of your local Junior Civitan club's commitment to making a difference by joining.



As a member, you will receive Junior Civitan's international magazine *Countdown*, which reviews international events, projects and recognizes exceptional service and accomplishments of local clubs. You'll also have access to message boards, e-mail, online shopping and advocacy opportunities at Junior Civitan Online, www.juniorcivitan.org.

Interesting Facts

- Junior Civitan's purpose is to provide all of our members with personal and career development opportunities while improving schools and communities through volunteer service.
- Established in 1932, Junior Civitan is a program of Civitan International.
- Membership totals average 14,000 members in 400 clubs.
- There are Junior Civitan clubs in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa.



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Junior Civitan



“Service Redefined”

Annual Events

Junior Civitan hosts several annual international events in addition to club and district activities. Crazy dance parties, edge-of-your-seat snowmobiling and international blowouts are scheduled throughout the year for members to meet-up, have fun and raise money.



Sno-Do

Pronounced "snow-dough," this snowmobile marathon takes Junior Civitans across the beautiful icy wilderness of Ontario, Canada. International governors, board members and guests live-it-up each year to raise money to benefit the Civitan International Research Center.



Dance-A-Thon

The name says it all—you start dancing, and you don't stop for hours. You'll bust some moves, and mix it up with changing costumes, music and activities for each themed hour. This is also a fundraiser for the Civitan International Research Center.

Conventions

Junior Civitans come together from across the United States and around the world for this international celebration. Make friends, learn new ways to work in your community and improve yourself, not to mention the awesome entertainment, dances, and off-the-wall activities. You'll never get bored, so don't miss it!



Committed to Community

Community service is not just a part of Junior Civitan, it drives our efforts and provides opportunities to get involved and meet new people. Projects can include turning an abandoned lot into a playground, buying presents for a needy family at Christmas, or reading to at-risk children. When we take the step from ideas to actions, our efforts can change the world.

Collection Campaigns

A favorite among clubs is collecting food to feed the less fortunate. Some clubs target even more needs by collecting used coats and shoes, stuffed animals or hygiene products. These donations are one of the most direct ways to impact the lives of our neighbors.



Environmental Awareness

Environmental projects educate the public and improve our natural world. Club projects can include recycling Christmas trees, adopting a highway or stream, or cleaning-up a ballpark or playground. Protecting the environment is an important cause, and Junior Civitans are always up to the challenge.



Joint Projects

Clubs are encouraged to join with Civitan, Campus Civitan, and other Junior Civitan clubs to increase the scope of their projects. By working together, adults and youth are able to pool resources and help more people in the community. Plus, these opportunities give Junior Civitans a chance to network with the professionals in Civitan clubs.

Leadership and Awards

Leadership

Every member takes a leadership role by choosing which projects and programs their club will support. District and international leadership positions are available in addition to those offered by your local Junior Civitan club. These select members are given the opportunity to travel, attend special events and to develop crucial leadership skills important in college and future careers.



Scholarships

The Civitan Shropshire Scholarship is available to qualifying members as a source of financial aid for college. Each year, thousands of dollars are awarded to deserving Junior Civitans who have been committed to service and have the desire to further their education.



Awards and Honors

Members, clubs and districts are recognized each year for outstanding leadership, projects and activities. These prestigious awards, like the Best Service Project, Club of the Year, and Junior Civitan Fellow, are presented at the annual district and international conventions to honor the achievements of our best and brightest Junior Civitans.

