

## Our Center



The Civitan International Research Center's mission is to improve the well-being and quality of life of individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders. The Center achieves this mission through cutting-edge research, clinical and community services, and training the next generation of researchers and clinical practitioners. Located at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), the Civitan International Research Center strives to reflect the needs of community, state, nation and world.

Scientists representing 18 departments and seven schools at UAB work to expand our knowledge about developmental disabilities by conducting basic, clinical and translational research.

### Areas of Research Include:

Autism Spectrum Disorders  
Cerebral Palsy  
Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis  
Acute brain and spinal cord injury  
Rhett Syndrome

### Some Other Current Projects Include:

- The newly formed Center for Glial Biology in Medicine focuses on the function of glial brain cells which are the primary location of fatal brain tumors
- The only functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) scanner in the United States primarily dedicated to research in neurosciences and developmental disabilities
- Study of chemical pathways and interactions in the brain that account for many neurological diseases, including Parkinson's, Huntington's and Alzheimer's disease



Over the years, Sno-Do has raised more than \$1.3 million for charities including the Civitan International Research Center, Children's Miracle Network Telethon, and the International Summer Special Olympics.

Your gift 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 the organization and the Civitan International Research Center, visit [www.civitan.org](http://www.civitan.org)



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# Junior Civitan SNO-DO



# Sno-Do Blazes Trails for a Better World!

## Start your engines!

When the mercury plunges, the excitement heats up. Sno-Do (pronounced "snow dough") is a Junior Civitan fund-raising, cross-country snowmobile event held annually in Ontario, Canada. Each participant solicits pledges prior to the expedition, and Junior Civitan leaders from the United States and Canada make the journey. All proceeds benefit people with developmental disabilities.

## North of the border

Sno-Do is usually scheduled for early February in Barrie, Ontario. This year's excursion will again be sponsored by Junior and adult Civitan clubs of Canadian District West and the Sno-Voyageur Snowmobile Club of Barrie. Junior Civitans hope to raise more than \$60,000 to benefit the Civitan Research Center's Family Assessment Department, a specialized research and diagnostic facility dedicated to addressing the healthcare issues of those with developmental disabilities while assisting and educating their families.



Junior Civitan leaders will be soliciting pledges for the Sno-Do event. Please give generously when the participant from your area visits.

## Support the cause

Junior Civitan assists Civitan International with its efforts to raise donations for the Civitan International Research Center. The Civitan Center researches the causes of developmental disabilities and provides clinical services and programs for individuals in need.

The Civitan 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.

Civitans and healthcare professionals in your area refer individuals from your community to the Civitan International Research Center. In this way, the Civitan Research Center's discoveries and accomplishments in numerous fields of healthcare offer help and hope to people in your community and worldwide.

All pledges must be collected by December 20.