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## Thrive Upstate

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Gina Abrams, volunteer coordinator, of Thrive Upstate spoke at the November 2, 2017 meeting of the Mauldin Civitan Club. Thrive Upstate, not to be confused with one of the many Thrive Organizations, has been providing Greenville County with services for individuals with disabilities and special needs since 1953.

Thrive has a mission to provide all people with disabilities and special needs with meaningful services, opportunities, and support, so they may thrive in life, work and play. Some of the disabilities and special needs clients include intellectual and related disabilities, such as Downs Syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, and head or spinal cord injuries. Thrive has a waiting list of 2,000 and serves 2,200 individuals aged 2 months to 91 years old and their families in Greenville County and surrounding areas in many different ways:

**Case Management and Family Support**-helps coordinate care and services through all stages of life. Managers figure out how to accommodate the disability and services according to the need.

**Early Intervention Services (KidVentures)** - helps parents enhance their child's learning and development and also advocates for each child. A representative helps with every area of need in the child's life. Special Needs programs allow public schooling for special needs individuals until

### NEXT MEETING

Mauldin Cultural Center  
December 7, 2017 @  
12:00pm

### Dues

Membership Dues for Oct, Nov, Dec. may be mailed to:

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the age of 21. Clemson University offers a program which allows special needs individuals to attend college.

**Adult Day Services-** helps improve activities of daily living integration into the community and pre-vocational skills. 130 people are served in 39 group homes 24-7 in communities, and 53 apartments housing units are available where clients live independent with help on life skills such as transportation, medical issues, banking and rent.

**Employment Services** – Thrive Upstate is the largest employment service for special needs in Greenville County helping individuals become more prepared for the job market and assists them in obtaining employment with local businesses and companies. Companies in the area are hiring special needs individuals for jobs that require repetition.

**Head and Spinal Cord Injury Services (HASCI)** - provides comprehensive services and support to survivors of acquired brain injury and spinal cord injury and their families.

**Residential Housing-** offers complete housing options for individuals depending on their level of independence and need. Thrive Upstate operates 4 workshops and 39 group homes.

Abrams shared the Barbara Stone story with the group. A devoted mother with a special needs child, Barbara Stone relentlessly championed the funding for 24 hour group home care. Because of her efforts Greenville is served in five locations with homes equipped to provide care for special needs.

An enrichment program enhances the lives of many and enables the client to enjoy hydroponic gardening, Camp Spearhead, a camp where everything is handicapped accessible, and participate in Special Olympics.

Barbara Stone was also a dedicated member of one of the local Civitan clubs.



President Sharon Thomas and Gina Abrams of Thrive Upstate

President Sharon Thomas presents Jimmy DuRante the VIP award.

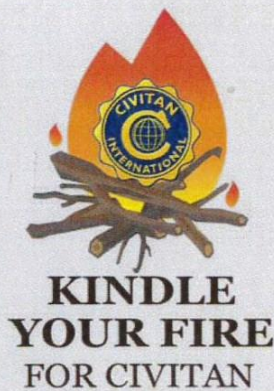


### **Civitan VIP (Very Important Part) Award Program**

Civitan International designed the VIP for new members to encourage them to become involved in the various aspects of the organization and take advantage of the opportunities the club offers to develop leadership skills and make new friends, while making a difference in the community and gaining knowledge of the fund raising, community projects, district meetings and much more in Civitan.

The new member has one year to earn points in the VIP program, based on their participation in five areas critical areas: attendance, service, personal development, growth, and communication. The member must earn a minimum of 200 points from at least three categories. Upon completion of a score card showing at least 200 points, the new member will ask the club President to verify the activities by signing the scorecard, and then mail the scorecard to Civitan International. Civitan International will approve the card and mail a VIP certificate and Pin to the President, to present to the member at a club meeting.





# 2017-2018 SPONSORSHIP AWARDS

**Incentives for Civitans  
who Sponsor New Members**



### Sponsor 1st Member

Earns First Sponsorship pin. Can be received only for those who sponsor very first member into Civitan.



### Sponsor Four Members

Receive 2017-18 MST recognition/pin (name also appears on the 'Super Recruiter' list in Civitan Magazine.)



### Sponsor Six Members

Receive logo name badge with the 2017-2018 presidential theme.

### Founder's Day Drawing

March 17, 2018, International President Kendyl Massey, DST will conduct a drawing where 5 members will receive round trip air fare to the 2018 International Convention in Reno, Nevada. Entries will be for each member a Civitan sponsors.

*(No limit to number of entries and No double winners. Winner can transfer to another club member.)*



### Sponsor 10 members

Receive a Kindle Fire and an invitation to a special President's reception (along with a guest) at the 2018 International Convention in Reno, Nevada.

*(Receive reception invite if accomplished by July 13, 2018)*

### One-a-Month Level – Sponsor 12 members

\$200 donation in your name to Civitans-at-the-Helm for the club of your choice or full registration to the 2018 or 2019 International Convention.

### Two-a-Month Level – Sponsor 24 members

\$500 donation in your name to Civitans-at-the-Helm for the club of your choice or four night lodging during the 2018 or 2019 International Convention.



*Happy Birthday!*

<i>Joe Simmons</i>	<i>December 3</i>
<i>Patricia Pomeroy</i>	<i>December 15</i>
<i>Jimmy DuRante</i>	<i>December 16</i>
<i>Anna Smith</i>	<i>December 22</i>



Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®  
of the Carolinas

## Save the Dates

DECEMBER / 18th Annual Holiday McGala: Friday, December 1st at the TD Convention Center.



*Save the Date*

*July 23-26, 2018*

*Mauldin Civitan Club Sponsors Bus Trip to  
Hampton, Norfolk, Virginia Beach Virginia*

**\$550 person (\$50 nonrefundable deposit  
to secure spot by December 1, 2017)**

**\$500 balance due by April 2, 2018**

**Trip Includes:**

- 1. Round Trip chartered bus**
- 2. (3) nights Hampton Embassy Suites Hotel accommodations (2 double beds per room)**
- 3. (3) buffet breakfasts Hampton Embassy Suites Hotel**
- 4. (3) Managers Reception Hampton Embassy Suites Hotel (includes hors d'oeuvre, 2 alcoholic beverages)**
- 5. Captain Georges Restaurant**
- 6. Spirit of Norfolk dinner cruise**
- 7. NASA/Langley Museum**
- 8. Virginia Beach/Shopping**

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