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Florence Crittenton's 3rd Annual Transformation, Love, Connection Dance presented by EuroRhythm Dance Studio raises over \$27K to help at-risk girls in the Valley

Presented by EuroRhythm Dance Studio, the event showcased dances by girls the nonprofit serves

PHOENIX — On Saturday, May 20, 2017, eight of the young women from Florence Crittenton performed uplifting dance routines with their professional partners from EuroRhythm Dance Studio, at the 3rd Annual Transformation, Love and Connection Dance. Raising over \$27,000, the event held at the Desert Botanical Garden also featured professional performances and open dancing for all attendees.

Through EuroRhythm and Florence Crittenton's partnership, this annual event, inspired by "Dancing with the Stars," has partnered at-risk girls each year with professional instructors to provide them with a unique opportunity to learn ballroom dancing and build their self-esteem. Proceeds from the event directly support the agency's core programs, such as its Therapeutic Group Home, Girls Ranch, Permanent Supportive Housing and the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona.

"Each one of our girls performed beautifully," said Dr. Kellie Warren, Chief Executive Officer of Florence Crittenton. "Words truly cannot describe the humbling experience of watching our girls who have faced an array of trauma rise above their challenges and adversity to transform into incredible performers with newfound strength and resiliency."

Florence Crittenton's Therapeutic Group Home annually provides a safe, home-like environment for 175 girls, ages 10 to 18, who often come from devastating situations. While enrolled in the TGH, girls learn to address and overcome their trauma while also benefiting from services designed for their holistic development, which includes counseling services, on-site medical services, education and basic needs.

For more information on Florence Crittenton and its upcoming events, please visit www.flocrit.org. To learn more about EuroRhythm Dance Studio, visit www.eurorhythm.com.

About Florence Crittenton

Founded in 1896, the mission of Florence Crittenton is to give every girl whose life we touch safety, hope and opportunity. The Agency has helped foster the recovery of girls and young women who have endured periods of victimization, chronic neglect, homelessness, poverty, teen pregnancy, drug abuse and/or mental instability. Our evidenced-based programs and services provide counseling, education, healthcare, housing and social support to young women and girls, ages 10-to-25. Also, Florence Crittenton holds the charter for the state's first and only public, single-gender preparatory school, the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona (GLAAZ).