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## Department of Health and Human Services Contracting with Mosaic for Additional Community Services

**Lincoln** – Mosaic, a Nebraska-based, private nonprofit that provides community programs in 14 states, will create residential services for an additional 66 individuals with developmental disabilities, according to Mosaic and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

“Mosaic has stepped up to help develop these critical residential community services,” said John Wyvill, director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities in DHHS. “They’re also responding to the need for community services for people with more serious medical needs.”

Mosaic will open six six-bed ICFs-MR (Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded) and five six-bed Centers for Developmental Disabilities (CDD) in the next 30 months, with four operational within the next 12 months. Each will provide a minimum of 8 hours of medical support services, with some having 24-hour nursing staff. Services will be developed in the Omaha metro area, Grand Island, Norfolk, Columbus and York. These communities were selected based on demand and the need for access to health care services.

“Mosaic is pleased to have called Nebraska home for more than 96 years,” said Linda Timmons, Mosaic president and CEO. “In addition to providing high quality services, Mosaic has worked diligently to create a model of service that supports people with high needs in a fiscally responsible manner. It is estimated that our model of service will save the state more than \$3 million each year while enabling people to live in homes located within communities near family and friends. This is good for people with disabilities and good for the the State of Nebraska.”

Mosaic provides disability support services through programs in 11 communities to more than 830 people in Nebraska, and to almost 3,800 people nationally. Services are tailored to meet individual needs and goals, and range from residential and medical services through job coaching and teaching independent living skills. Mosaic is an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, a member of Lutheran Services in America and a founding member of IMPACT, an international alliance. Mosaic is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information visit [www.mosaicinfo.org](http://www.mosaicinfo.org).