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Mosaic employees named as Direct Support Professionals of the Year

OMAHA, Neb. -- April 21, 2008 -- Four Mosaic employees were named 2008 Direct Support Professional of the Year for their respective states by the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR). They are Betty Leners in Nebraska, Rhonda Patrick in Delaware, Daisy Diggins in Indiana, and Justin Gibson in Utah. The awards were presented April 15 in New Orleans.

“The job of a direct support professional is difficult and taxing, and yet we have many dedicated people who are there everyday providing assistance to the thousands of people Mosaic serves across the United States,” said Dr. David Jacox, chief executive officer of Mosaic. “I am glad to see several of our staff members receive this distinct honor and I think all of our direct care staff members deserve awards for their dedication and compassion.”

Across the United States, the direct care profession faces an employee shortage. The four Mosaic winners together represent almost 40 years of service to people with disabilities. Their nominations note dedicated service, and commitment to the rights and desires of people with disabilities.

Mosaic provides individualized services, living options, work choices, spiritual nurture and advocacy to people with disabilities in more than 250 communities across 14 states and Great Britain. Mosaic is an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and a member of Lutheran Services in America. Mosaic is a 501(c)(3) organization.

ANCOR is a national association representing more than 850 private providers of community living and employment supports and services to more than 385,000 individuals with disabilities.

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