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### **Youth Utilize Nintendo® Wii to Support Mosaic**

FARMINGTON, N.M. – Over summer break, some Farmington youth were committed to teaching and helping individuals with developmental disabilities through the use of the gaming system Nintendo® Wii at Mosaic in Farmington.

The volunteers used Nintendo® Wii as a tool to demonstrate and practice sensory stimulation as well as range of motion. By playing Wii Sports and Wii Play programs like Rock Band, Bowling, Fishing, Cow Racing and Baseball, users experience a different type of therapy.

Wii sounds like 'we', which emphasizes that the console gaming system is for everyone—children and adults of all ages, no matter what ability they may have.

The youth group volunteers every Wednesday under the direction of Mosaic's summer volunteer coordinator, Rita Granberry, a high school science teacher at Central Consolidated School District in Kirtland. Granberry likes to utilize her time off and skills to help others.

“It is so incredible to see the interaction between the people supported at Mosaic and the kids. I am not sure who was having more fun. The joy that you see on their faces is priceless,” said Granberry. “In many situations where video games are involved there is a lot of competition; however, at Mosaic it isn't about winning. It's about the joy of participating whether it be as a volunteer or Mosaic client. It's a win/win situation.”

Mosaic in Farmington and the people Mosaic assists reap a variety of benefits from the volunteer group, but the youth also learn from Granberry about how to teach and support others, building into this young generation compassion for individuals with disabilities.

Mosaic provides individualized services, living options, work choices, spiritual nurture and advocacy to people with disabilities across 14 states and Great Britain through the work of 4,800 employees. 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 nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

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