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**INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE AWARDS FROM INTERHAB AND
SELF-ADVOCATE COALITION OF KANSAS**

LIBERAL, Kan. – Two individuals who receive services from Mosaic in Liberal were awarded for accomplishments made in 2008. Mosaic is a non-profit organization that assists individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Vickie Strong of Liberal, Kan. received the Self-Advocate of the Year award from SACK. Strong was nominated by Elaine McDaniels, job coach at Mosaic in Liberal. “Vickie is always advocating for herself and her roommates, she will stand up for them when she feels that they are not being heard,” said McDaniels.

Over the past year Strong has shown considerable improvement in understanding you have to tell people what you want to create change. “I think it is great that Vickie has won this award, she has become more vocal about her wants and needs than she ever has in the past,” said McDaniels.

Teri Cokely of Liberal, Kan. received the Personal Growth Award at the Interhab Annual Awards Reception in Oct. She doesn't let her disabilities stand in the way of her dreams. This past year Cokely has obtained a job at Dillions, moved into an apartment on her own, started taking dance classes and participated in a dance recital, enrolled in driving school and hopes to purchase a car soon and is currently

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taking pottery and photography classes at the local community college. Cokely has achieved many personal goals and dreams which lead her to receive this deserving award. “Teri was very excited about winning,” said Dee Williams, service coordinator for Mosaic in Liberal. “She did a great job giving her acceptance speech at the conference and she thanked Mosaic for the support which touched each one of us because we had played a role in supporting her to reach her goals.”

About Mosaic in Liberal

Mosaic began providing service in the Liberal area in 1999 and currently services over 75 people. In Kansas, programs are located in Ellsworth, Garden City, Kansas City, Winfield, and Liberal. For more information visit www.mosaicinfo.org/liberal/.

About Mosaic

Mosaic provides residential, vocational, medical, spiritual, social and advocacy supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to senior citizens. These services are provided in collaboration with local, state, national, and international partners in 14 states and nine countries. 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.

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