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U.S. Representative Lee Terry Receives Mosaic SPIRIT Award

Omaha, Neb. - April 14, 2008 - On Thursday, March 27, 2008 Mosaic in Omaha held an Open House to celebrate National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and to present SPIRIT Awards honoring key individuals for their support of Mosaic. The Mosaic SPIRIT Award honors those who exemplify the characteristics of Supportive, Positive, Integrity, Responsible, Inspirational, and Trustworthy. Four individuals, including Rep. Terry, received SPIRIT Awards which were awarded by Linda Timmons, Mosaic's President and Chief Operating Officer.

Rep. Terry accepted the SPIRIT Award for Congressional Support. Terry (R-NE), along with Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA), introduced legislation called the Direct Support Professionals Fairness and Security Act of 2007, a bipartisan effort to aid professionals working in the disabilities community. The Capps/Terry bill would give states the ability to use federal funds to increase the wages for direct support professionals who provide assistance to individuals of all ages with disabilities under the Medicaid program.

Over 100 people from the Omaha community and Mosaic staff attended the open house and awards ceremony. National Developmental Disabilities Month reminds us to recognize people with disabilities as valuable, contributing members of our communities.

Mosaic's Omaha, Neb. agency serves 230 adults with developmental disabilities. The Executive Director of the Omaha program is Mark Stromer.

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.

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