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MOSAIC RECEIVES NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD

OMAHA, Neb. – Mosaic has been awarded its second Basic Assurances® Network Certification from The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL). Mosaic was the first organization to be awarded this certification in 2006 which evaluates services and supports for people with disabilities in the areas of health, safety and security. Mosaic sought to attain this certification to affirm its commitment of providing high quality services. CQL is the leader in the field of establishing standards of supports for people with disabilities and people with mental illness.

“Mosaic has provided national leadership in demonstrating a commitment and accountability to the people and their families receiving services and supports,” said James F. Gardner, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer of CQL. “Mosaic has established a new standard of accountability for agencies in its national network. On behalf of CQL, I offer my congratulations to the board and staff throughout the Mosaic network for their priorities and performance.”

Linda Timmons, Mosaic president and chief executive officer is passionate about providing the highest quality services to people with disabilities. “This certification is validation that our efforts to promote individualized service to support people to live a full life of their choosing have been successful”, said Timmons. “We are determined to remain focused on our promise to serve and advocate on behalf of those with disabilities.”

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CQL visited and evaluated 14 of Mosaic's agencies which provide services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Cathy Yadamec, CQL project manager, led the Mosaic review process. "The individual agencies CQL visited as part of our review were empowered to act responsively and responsibly to the people supported. Guided by the Mosaic vision and values, each agency demonstrated accountability and commitment to learning through the implementation of their Basic Assurances monitoring systems," said Yadamec.

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.

About CQL

Headquartered in Towson, Maryland, CQL is an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to the definition, measurement, and improvement of personal and community quality of life for people with disabilities and people with mental illness. Known as the innovators in the human services field, CQL has for more than 35 years pioneered the concept of "person-directed solutions" for service and support organizations, state and national government agencies, regional systems and networks, and professionals and self-advocates. Its *Basic Assurances*[®] standard is used by states, large provider systems, and individual organizations with an interest in ensuring that people remain safe and healthy.

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