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MOSAIC SENIOR VP RUNS MARATHON ON THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA
Donations Aid Children with Disabilities in Romania

OMAHA, Neb. -- On May 16, 2009 [Raul Saldivar](#), Papillion resident and Mosaic senior vice president of human resources and chief integrity officer, will run the [Great Wall Marathon®](#). He will complete 26.2 miles on the 5,164 steps of the Great Wall in Tianjin Province, China as part of the [Mosaic Great Wall Challenge](#). His goal is not only to finish this unique marathon, but more importantly, to raise funds for [Mosaic international programs](#).

“I am very excited about the opportunity to combine my passion for adventure and my passion that I have devoted my life to — assisting people with developmental disabilities,” said Saldivar. “I hope that in completing these challenges I raise awareness as well as funds for individuals with developmental disabilities. I have seen first-hand how advocacy and generous donations can change lives.”

This is Saldivar's second campaign to raise money and awareness for Mosaic international efforts. On January 29, 2007 Saldivar climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. Saldivar's goal through [Climb for Kids](#) was to raise \$19,430, one dollar for each foot of the mountain's height. His efforts surpassed that goal, and the total raised exceeded \$20,000.

Saldivar's goal for the Mosaic Great Wall Challenge is \$26,200, one thousand for each mile he will complete in the marathon. Anyone can be a part of the Mosaic Great Wall Challenge by [designating a gift in honor of Raul Saldivar](#) and the Mosaic Great Wall Challenge. The assistance provided by Mosaic, through the generous and faithful support of donors, allows individuals with disabilities to face the challenges of their dreams and goals, and turn them into realities.

VIDEO: [Raul Saldivar's Message on YouTube](#)

Mosaic partners with local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in other countries to bring services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. “Together we can assist people with disabilities around the globe as they pursue their personal dreams and goals. It is an awesome adventure to be a part of, and we are grateful for Saldivar's leadership,” said Richard Carman, Mosaic senior vice president of public policy and international development.

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About Raul Saldivar

Raul Saldivar began his professional career with Mosaic when he joined Bethphage in 1981. Serving in a variety of roles, Saldivar has been a program coordinator and executive director before moving into the Human Resources role in the mid-1980s. The responsibilities of Chief Integrity Officer were assumed in 2005.

Saldivar holds a bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and he is a Certified Compliance Professional (CCP) through the Council on Ethical Organizations. In his current role as the Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Chief Integrity Officer, Saldivar is responsible for corporate human resources functions such as employee relations, talent management, benefits and compensation, and payroll administration. He is also responsible for the oversight of Mosaic's Integrity Program.

The Great Wall of China Marathon will be Saldivar's fourth marathon. He has also competed in the Des Moines, Iowa Marathon in 2002 and 2003 and in the 60-mile Dances with Dirt relay race in Hell, Mich. in 2004. Saldivar has also completed many 15, 10, and 5K races over the years. His first 10K under 50 minutes was in the 2004 Omaha Corporate Cup. In 2007 Saldivar climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa as part of the *Climb for Kids* campaign which raised over \$20,000 for children with developmental disabilities in Romania.

About Mosaic

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