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### **Mosaic Promotes Inclusion for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**

OMAHA, Neb. – February 22, 2008 – Mosaic believes in inclusion and is participating in National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March. This observance reminds us to recognize people with disabilities as valuable, contributing members of our communities. Mosaic encourages others to recognize National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and to promote inclusion.

“Inclusion is about all of us. It is our mission at Mosaic to promote inclusion and involvement among communities,” said Linda Timmons, president and chief operating officer. “You can promote inclusion by inviting people with disabilities to participate in your community activities and civic organizations, or by giving a gift of time or money to support people with disabilities.”

Throughout the month, many events are held across the country to recognize the abilities and talents of people with disabilities. Communities hold special events, civic organizations welcome guest speakers to discuss the field of disabilities, congregations include special litanies in their worship services, and schools provide educational programs for children. “People with developmental disabilities desire to be involved in their communities as neighbors, friends and co-workers, contributing through their talents and abilities,” said Dr. David A. Jacox, CEO of Mosaic. “Our communities are strengthened by their gifts.”

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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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