

Saved to Serve Weekend



ELCA volunteer Mary Mayfield interacts with resident Travis Thomas.

Puppets, pillows, music shakers and games brought smiles to faces at the Mosaic group home on Faidley Street in Grand Island, May 22. A group of 26 women from across Nebraska had fun with the nine residents of the home as a part of a Saved To Serve Opportunity sponsored by the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Saved to Serve is a group of women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) who choose two projects every year at which to volunteer their time. Among those participating in the weekend serving retreat was resident of the home, Travis Thomas, Mary Mayfield of Omaha, coordinator of the Saved to Serve program, and Melanie Randall, manager of the home.

Besides enjoying time with the residents, the women served by spending the day painting, staining, gardening and sewing. They painted the entry, the ceilings in the living room and dining room of the home, removed wallpaper, painted, and added a wallpaper border in the kitchen.

In the back yard, they stained a large outdoor screen house and sanded and painted a picnic table. The women also trimmed bushes, pulled weeds, put in new plants, and spread mulch around the house and in the adjacent park. The sewing projects included tiny vibrating pillows for each of the residents and a cushion for the glider swing.

Additionally, the group promoted the needs of Mosaic throughout the state and brought 31 quilts to be used in the Mosaic residences. They also collected soap, hand lotion, shampoo, detergent, and paper products for Mosaic and presented TeriLyn Beilke, Mosaic community relations



ELCA volunteer Pearl Anderson stains the spring house at the home.

manager, with a check for more than \$1,600 to purchase a swing made to accommodate wheelchairs.

“The management team was shocked by all the tangible items,” Beilke said. She praised the group for all their hard work and stated that the work done by the women would allow money that would have been used for maintenance expenses to be used for individuals.

“This is the 27th Saved To Serve Opportunity since the program began in 1998,” said Mary Mayfield, Omaha resident and an appointee on the board of the ELCA Nebraska Synodical Womens Organization. Mayfield plans and promotes the events with the help of Susan Watson, superior, and local retreat coordinators. Betty Kempf and Marian Kotas of Kearney coordinated the Mosaic retreat with the help of Phyllis Eriksen, Grand Island and Nancy Johnson, Omaha.

“Each opportunity is planned so participants learn about the agency they are serving, do service work, grow spiritually, build relationships, and have fun,” Mayfield said.

Other aspects of the weekend included devotions with an emphasis on culinary arts lead by Lu Krueger, Kearney, a musical program by Marsha Dunn, Grand Island, and a variety of activities from creating tissue paper flowers for gifts to learning to play the bells and attending worship services on Sunday with some of the residents living in the home on Faidley Street.

After the weekend, Beilke said, “I can’t thank you ladies enough. You truly were a group of angels sent by God to complete a mission, and you did just that!”

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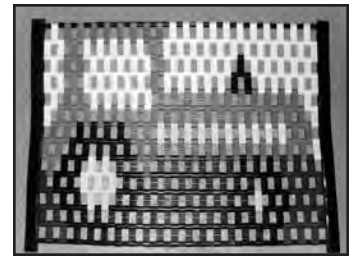
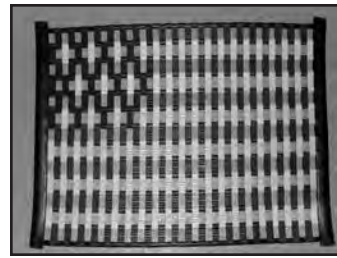
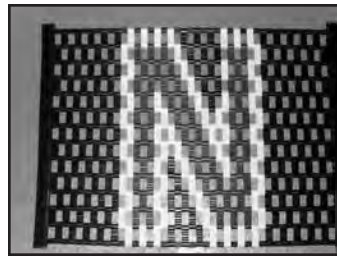
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Individuals served by Mosaic continue to make custom floor mats in our vocational sites in York, Hastings, and Grand Island. The mats are available in a variety of sizes, ranging from small (approximately 16" x 21"), medium (21" x 31"), and large (36" x 51"), with mats having been made as large as 9' – 15' wide. Prices start at \$18.

Mats by Mosaic absorb shock and noise, have a non-slip surface, will not rot, are comfortable to stand and walk on (reducing foot fatigue), are resistant to most chemicals, and are easy to clean and maintain.

When you purchase our mats, not only are you getting a great product, but you are investing in the future of those we serve as well.

For more information on purchasing these mats, please contact:

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Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Mosaic Events in Central Nebraska

- **July 17, 8 a.m – 1 p.m.:** Hoops for Happiness, York, Neb. — 1st Shoot for Pledges to benefit the York agency.
- **July 30 – 31:** Mosaic in Tri-Cities participates in the Grand Island Games, an Olympic-style event. The goal is to allow participants a chance to experience a wide variety of recreational activities, meet new people, build company pride, promote community unity, and have some good old fashioned fun!
- **Aug. 3, 5:30 p.m.:** National Night Out — Hastings, Neb. — Come see the Mosaic Booth!
- **Aug. 7:** Annual Friends & Family Picnic at Stolley Park
- **Aug. 27 – Sept. 6:** Nebraska State Fair Starts — Come see the Mosaic Booth!
- **Oct. 30, 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.:** Cheers for Mosaic, a high school cheerleading competition in Grand Island, Neb.



**HOOPS
FOR HAPPINESS**
a benefit for  MOSAIC in York

Employees of 1st Quarter

- **Grand Island** — Cindy Feldt and Rhonda Glinsmann, LPNs
- **Hastings** — Trisha Hewett, Direct Support
- **York** — Ben Smail, Direct Support



Framing Dreams



The new group homes currently under construction will follow the same plan for the home currently finished in Omaha's Stonybrook neighborhood.

Mosaic is partnering with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHSS) to make dreams come true for 66 people who have lived much of their lives at the Beatrice State Developmental Center. With the help from generous donors, Mosaic is building 11 new group homes in Omaha (5), Papillion (1), Norfolk (2), York (1), and Grand Island (2). Each of these homes will give people the opportunity to live in a neighborhood setting close to family and friends. We've named the initiative Framing Dreams.

The benefits to these 66 individuals include a supported living environment with adaptive equipment for greater independence and greater privacy with each person having his or her own bedroom and bathroom, all while receiving the quality services that are Mosaic's hallmark. Most importantly, Framing Dreams will allow these individuals to experience life as a full member of the community, choosing the individual goals and activities that give meaning to life.

On average, each of the 11 homes costs \$1,000,000. Of this amount, some will be financed through the sale of

tax-exempt bonds and low income housing tax credits. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has provided start up funding of \$330,000. This leaves a gap of approximately \$3 million dollars that will need to come from other sources such as private donations.

Mosaic is committed to the project and these individuals. If necessary, Mosaic will access other funding sources such as reserves or obtaining additional financing. However, adding additional debt is far from the ideal scenario. Raising enough money to fill this gap will allow Mosaic to better use its precious resources on our services for the individuals rather than for debt repayment.

Cash gifts are welcome and will be applied where needed most. Please mail checks to Mosaic, 4980 S. 118th St., Omaha, NE 68137-2220. You can also make your gift online at www.mosaicinfo.org/framingdreams/donate.htm.

Tony LOVES Scary Movies

Tony loves scary movies and has since he was a young man. You will often find him at our vocational site trying on his scary masks and looking at himself in the mirror. Tony often purchases his masks online, and he likes the masks because each is different, scary and he likes the shape of them. Once a scary movie is released in the theater, Tony will be the first one in line with either his mom or his friend to watch the new movie, and most likely he will be wearing one of the many scary T-shirts he has. When a scary movie is released on DVD, he spends time watching it on the 52" flat screen TV in his room. His favorite characters include Freddy Krueger from Nightmare on Elm Street, Jason Voorhees from Friday the 13th, Chucky from Child's Play, and Michael Meyers from Halloween. When Tony isn't watching a scary movie, he takes trips with his mom out to dinner or shopping around at our local Kmart and Shopko. He also enjoys bowling and basketball in his free time.



Tony loves scary horror films. He even has a T-shirt with an air-brushed picture of Chucky from the Child's Play series bursting through a doorway with the caption, "Heeeeeere's Chucky!"

Scout Selects Mosaic Group Home as His Service Project for Eagle Scout Award



Derek Stapleton, a senior at Heartland Lutheran High School, has chosen Mosaic as his service project needed to become an Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). A Scout who attains this rank is called an Eagle Scout or Eagle. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by

more than 2 million young men. The title of Eagle Scout is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase “Once an Eagle, always an Eagle.”

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout. Additional recognition can be earned through Eagle Palms, awarded for completing additional tenure, leadership, and merit badge requirements.

We are honored that Derek chose Mosaic and look forward to seeing the renovated fence.



Special Olympics News: Good Luck, Athletes!

Kelly Davis, coordinator at Mosaic in Grand Island, is leading 24 athletes and three coaches to the national competition in Lincoln, Neb. on Saturday, July 17. We have several athletes participating, including ten basketball players, eight bowlers, two bocce players, two swimmers and two track athletes. For more information, visit www.2010specialolympics.org. Good luck to our athletes!



Kelly Davis



Get Involved

There are many ways to become part of Mosaic's mission:

- **DONATE** — Your gift can provide activities and items that would not otherwise be possible, since many people we assist rely on limited government funding. Options include immediate gifts, planned gifts, or in-kind gifts.
- **VOLUNTEER** — You can help build connections between the people Mosaic assists and the communities in which they live. Mosaic welcomes individuals and groups to be a friend to an individual assisted by Mosaic or help with a Mosaic special project in your community.
- **ADVOCATE** — When you join Mosaic Allied Voices (MAV), you will help promote public policies that ensure a life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities across the country and around the world.
- **BECOME AN EMPLOYEE** — Mosaic also continually seeks quality, committed employees. If you're interested in a life-changing career, consider Mosaic.

Join our Social Network!

We hope you will share your Mosaic experience by posting comments on Facebook and by re-tweeting or mentioning @mosaictricity on Twitter.

Please invite others who may be interested in sharing our mission of providing a life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities!

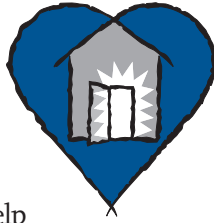


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Adopt-A-Home Program

The individuals in our services live in homes and neighborhoods, have interests, hobbies, and needs very similar to yours. The purpose of the Adopt-A-Home Program is to engage community groups, congregations, and individuals in year-round activities that help residents of a Mosaic home enjoy a safe environment and realize wholeness of life.



Our philosophy is to help our clients obtain a normal life-style that gives them dignity, pride, and self-worth. Some examples include:

- Fostering friendships by sharing time and mutual interests of people living in the home.
- Promoting safety in the home by helping with maintenance and home-improvement projects.
- Uniting communities by engaging various groups in meeting the tangible and intangible needs of people with disabilities.

The activities in the materials are only suggestions — other ideas are more than welcome! Be creative and innovative. Mosaic staff will work with you to plan and carry out your projects. Please know that whatever you do, no matter how small it may seem to you, it is a contribution that makes a difference! The people Mosaic supports appreciate it.

Wish List Items for Mosaic in Tri-Cities

- **Hastings:** Grill for vocational site
- **Grand Island:** Wii for group home, sensory items
- **York:** sensory items



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anytime between 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday – Friday. This is a great opportunity for the Grand Island Vocational Site to have more funds to bowl, go to the zoo and attend other community events.

Mosaic in Tri-Cities Participating in the American Heart Association Start! Walking Program

The program will help motivate our employees and individuals in service to improve their cardiovascular health and lead longer, stronger, healthier lives.



“Lace up those sneakers and Start! Walking.”

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If you are interested in donating to Mosaic to support our walking program, please contact TeriLyn Beilke at 308.381.1690 x211 or terilyn.beilke@mosaicinfo.org.

www.wouldyouhelp.org

At Mosaic, we provide complete care for thousands of Americans with intellectual disabilities — everything from homes and clothing to meaningful work and the pursuit of personal happiness. We decided to ask some of the people we serve how they would solve the challenges we face every day.

Go to www.wouldyouhelp.org to find out how individuals with intellectual disabilities would help you if you needed a place to call home, rewarding employment, or the ability to make your own choices.



Message from the Executive Director

by Sheila Krolikowski

There are lots of great things going on with Mosaic in Tri-Cities. The Grand Island agency has finished the new Intermediate Care Facility at 1517 Hope St. and will have its first Residents soon. The Grand Island agency is also in the process of finishing up construction on our new Medical Service Unit that is located at 2905 W. 5th St. Both facilities are going to have a large economic impact on Grand Island, and we are grateful to be able to serve more individuals.

The York agency is soon to break ground on its new Intermediate Care Facility that is near the crossroads of N. Division Ave. and Meadow View Dr. This home is set to be completed before the end of the year. We are very thankful to have this opportunity to give a life of possibilities for more people with intellectual disabilities in York.

The building of these homes creates new challenges for Mosaic. With the struggles in the Community, it is more important than ever to ask for financial support from the community. Whether it is \$10 or \$1,000, every dollar makes a difference!

Lastly, the Hastings agency is moving right along with its Summer Program for those we serve under the age of 21. Every year, they choose one project to learn community service, and this year they chose Operation Military Kids. Our Vocational Sites at all three locations will be collecting donations of items to pack in Hero Pack Backpacks that will be given to military children. For more information, contact TeriLyn Beilke at 308.381.1690 x211 or terilyn.beilke@mosaicinfo.org.

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer, and I look forward to sharing more exciting Mosaic happenings in October.

