



Your gifts in Rockford, Illinois...

With your help, the people supported by Mosaic in Rockford are really moving forward! A special donation enabled Mosaic to purchase a bike rack that fits a Mosaic van. We are now able to transport people we support and all of their gear for bike trips on trails and scenic routes that are not near their home. Before this purchase, there was no way to do this. Biking offers many benefits and helps us assist the people we support lead healthy lives. Pictured here are the beneficiaries of this wonderful gift. We are grateful for your gifts that help us make purchases like these.

Your gifts in Des Moines, Iowa...

Recently your contributions helped five people move from group homes into their own apartments in Des Moines. Attaining this goal, however, is often not possible without the gift assistance of our donors. The upfront costs of leasing one's own apartment are often difficult.

The lease deposit, furniture and daily necessities like cookware can easily cost as much as \$2,000. With your gifts, we are able to help people meet those upfront costs which otherwise would bar them from moving into a place of their own.

Your gifts in Terre Haute, Indiana...

Sensory input is a vital need of some of the people supported by Mosaic. Special sensory activities stimulate and soothe the senses, which has a calming effect. Equipment or items that help provide sensory input are paid for 100% with donations.

Recently, an adaptive swing was purchased for people served by Mosaic in Terre Haute, Ind., so that they could receive the proper sensory stimulation. Currently, a seven year-old boy uses the swing and the benefits to his behavior have been noticeable.

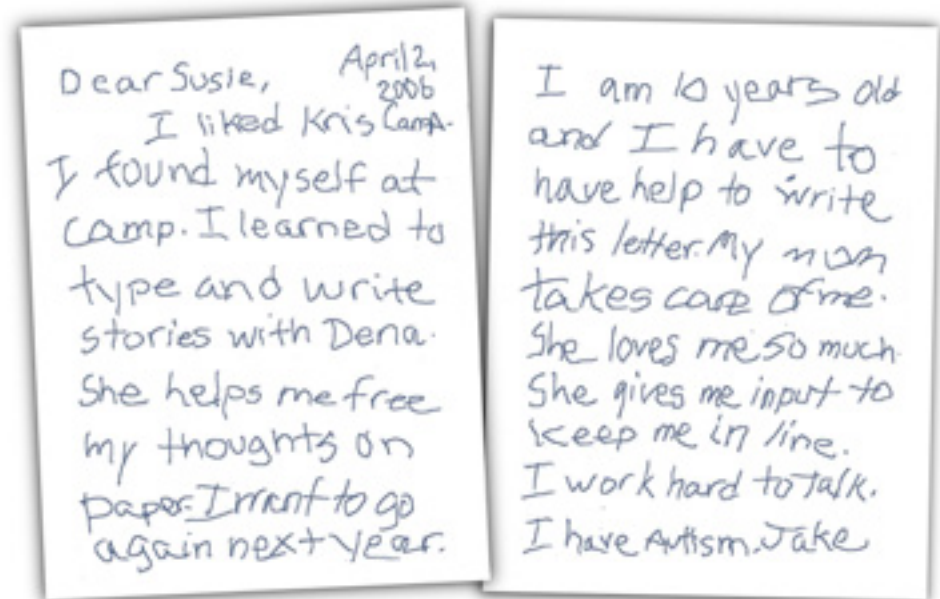
“Now, he willingly chooses to jump in his swing after a full day of school. The rocking helps him meet his needs and allows him to be more focused, calm, and content. His self injurious behavior has decreased as he is able to get his needs met in a more rewarding fashion.”

–Tara Downey-Miller, Executive Director, Terre Haute, Ind.

Your gifts in Phoenix, Arizona...

Many of the people supported by Mosaic never get the chance to leave their homes for even a short trip. The most modest get-aways are often too expensive for people with disabilities. Often gifts from people like you help make these valuable experiences possible. Jake attended a specialized camp for people with autism in Arizona with help from donations. Jake's experience has been truly memorable as you can see from his letter to a Mosaic employee (*shown below*).

While donations do help with the costs of some spectacular events such as a special camp, many gifts are used to purchase simple items such as reading glasses. Wade is an avid reader but was having trouble enjoying his favorite pastime due to changes in his eyesight. Gifts from people like you helped Wade get reading glasses and resume his daily reading.



Progress is defined as “a gradual advancement in the condition of mankind,” according to Webster’s Dictionary. For the people with disabilities whom Mosaic supports, we see progress. They are moving forward.

There are many different ways that people with disabilities move forward with their lives. Whether it’s an opportunity to go to a special camp, move into an apartment of one’s own, receive new glasses or enjoy life’s simple pleasures, the people Mosaic supports move forward in ways that are defined by their own desires.

We cannot talk about this type of progress for someone with a disability such as autism or Down syndrome without underlining the fact that **your support** is one of the reasons that this progress can be achieved. People who donate to Mosaic choose to be a part of something exciting. You select our mission from countless other worthy needs because with Mosaic you have an opportunity to help people with disabilities forge ahead despite the constraints that society has placed upon them. Thank you for being a partner in our mission.

Your partnership carries an immense amount of meaning. Each day I am grateful for your commitment and your generosity. With your gift, we can move forward.

Sincerely,



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How your gifts advance the lives of people receiving services from Mosaic

