Putting on a new face

If you have visited our Coffeyville office recently, you may have noticed a big upgrade to the building! The Mosaic agency in Coffeyville just completed an exterior facelift featuring all new windows and a fresh coat of paint. The whole community has recognized the difference and our Mosaic staff is enjoying the upgrades as well.

Kristi from Pittsburg says, “The front of the building looks really good and the new windows are awesome.”

Patricia says, “It’s a really nice change to the building.” We’re so proud of our new facade and we hope you’ll swing by and see for yourself – come visit us at 1206 Elm St!

Facade improvement really makes a difference!
**Special Olympics a Golden Opportunity**

In June, Mosaic took a two day trip to Wichita to take part in the Special Olympics summer games. Organizations from all over Kansas came to participate in this year’s games, including other Mosaic agencies from across the state. From miniature golf to the 100-meter run, there was no shortage of great events. Even after some storm clouds brought rain to drown out some of the games, there were plenty of activities to pass the time and everyone was excited to cheer on their friends.

There’s no event our Mosaic team looks forward to more than the Saturday night dinner and dance. Everyone was on the dance floor! Direct Support Manager Cathy Harrison, along with the rest of the team, had a great time rocking to the beat.

“They play such great music and sometimes the Mosaic staff dance more than anyone!” Cathy and the rest of the Mosaic team are excited to share this special trip with those in service and see their relationships blossom. “The main thing the people we serve enjoy from the Special Olympics is participating in the event and meeting new friends.” There’s no better place to experience joy, enthusiasm and achievement than competing in this one-of-a-kind event and we can’t wait until next year!

**New Day Services Open House**

In July, Mosaic staff and friends gathered to welcome visitors to the new day services site in Frontenac for warm cookies, finger foods and show and tell. During our transition into a temporary administrative office, Mosaic’s day center location has moved too! To announce the change and to introduce this new phase to the community, Mosaic staff organized the open house and invited everyone to come and see for themselves.

JoDee Bryant and LaTonya White worked all day to prepare for the event; making cookies, setting up yard games and creating work stations to illustrate the activities that happen there each day. There were examples of contract work, arts and crafts, educational projects and more! There was also a display showing our no-walls day service program. Our guests were able to see all the activities, community service and employment the people we serve enjoy.

Visitors were impressed by the inviting, pleasant environment there. Devin Gorman, Pittsburg Area Chamber Vice President of Operations expressed his experience seeing the day services center for the first time, “It was a nice event. It was great to see where the individuals served by Mosaic work and the projects they work on. It’s a place anyone would want to go to and spend the day.”

Clockwise from top left: Guests mingle and talk about Mosaic’s progress. Donnie shows visitors Mosaic’s contract work. Bobby shows off his artistic side! James puts together one of Mosaic’s awesome door mats!
Welcome to the newest members of the team!

- Sarah Runyon came on board in May as the new Community Relations Manager in Southeast Kansas.
- Hillary Houston began work in September as our new Business Manager.
- Kristina Lewis started working for Mosaic on September 29 as our new Human Resources Specialist!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Onward, Upward and Forward in Faith

Forward in Faith is the name of our new strategic plan and mission for Mosaic's second century of service. Forward in Faith has also been the guiding light in the face of major changes at our agency in Southeast Kansas.

First, we temporarily moved our day services location in July. Then, on September 2, we said goodbye to our building at 2420 S. Rouse and looked forward in faith to a new beginning as we moved our Pittsburg office to a temporary location. Although Mosaic has been in Southeast Kansas for only four years, members of our staff have built over 25 years of memories working with those in service from our previous location.

Our new office at 909 E. Centennial Dr., Suite 5 – on the east side of Lindburg Pharmacy – is the beginning of new opportunities for our agency. As we continue to grow, our temporary location brings us one step closer to finding our forever home. Stop by and see us sometime!

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Mosaic in Southeast Kansas is proud to announce promotions and new team members at our agency. Help us give a big hand to our fantastic team and congratulate all of our staff who are experiencing growth in these new opportunities!

- Leslie Lackamp is now serving as the Executive Director for both Mosaic in Southeast Kansas and Mosaic in Winfield, Kansas.
- Sherry Elkins accepted a new position with Mosaic as our new Associate Director on July 1.
- Sherida Porter is beginning a new role as Mental and Behavioral Health Coordinator for the Kansas Region.
- Crystal Castagno, previously a direct support associate, has accepted a new position as our office receptionist.

Discover the Possibilities are one-hour events where we share Mosaic’s mission, vision and passion for the people we serve. Those who attend will be given a tour of Mosaic’s services and work through stories told by those who know it well — the people we serve, their families and our staff members.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Tuesday, November 11 | Tuesday, November 18

Both events will be held at noon at St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Due to limited space, please call Sarah Runyon at 620.231.5590 to reserve your spot.
Splish Splash Birthday Bash

During our quarterly Birthday Bash in July, the Frontenac pool was full of cool blue water, friendly faces and big smiles! Mosaic staff and individuals in service spent a lazy afternoon swimming and lounging at the pool to celebrate April, May, June and July birthdays. Everyone was included and people who utilize wheelchairs were able to be wheeled into waist deep water. Staff took turns taking individuals out to deeper water where they were able to float and splash!

After a dip in the pool, the party moved to the park for a tasty sack lunch and ice cream. What a great way to spend a summer afternoon! Our staff and people served had a great time celebrating together.

Community Health and Wellness Fair

On July 19, Mosaic participated in the Community Health and Wellness Fair at Coffeyville First Assembly of God. The event provided education to the community and offered a venue for different booths from community organizations. People who attended the fair were able to win door prizes and free haircuts were also given to anyone who wanted them.

Donna’s favorite part of attending the Community Fair was meeting McGruff, the crime dog! “I had a great time, I was able to meet several new people and see old friends. It was really neat getting my picture taken with McGruff!” Mosaic was connected to the event through someone in service who attends the church. It was a great opportunity to share the Mosaic mission with everyone in the Coffeyville community.

We have launched a new website!

The best way for Mosaic in Southeast Kansas to expand our mission of providing a life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities in our communities is by offering innovative ways to engage with those seeking our services as well as our donors, partners, volunteers, friends and employees.

Join us at www.mosaicinsoutheastkansas and help us ENGAGE. INNOVATE. EXPAND.

Some new features that we hope you will be excited about:
• Upcoming events: ways to engage with the people we serve, our staff and our families.
• Recent news: stay up-to-date with the latest happenings and successes at Mosaic in Southeast Kansas
• Opportunities: job postings, volunteer positions and ways to advocate or partner with Mosaic in Southeast Kansas.
• Responsive web design that tailors to user’s device – desktop, tablet or mobile!