

# First Phase to Enhance the Look and Feel of Mosaic Family Shelter Complete

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**D**AYL's Lawyers Against Domestic Violence Committee (LADV) has focused much of its energy this year on working with **Mosaic Family Services Shelter** - Mosaic House - a local shelter for refugees, unaccompanied minors, and survivors of family violence, and/or human trafficking.

Mosaic seeks to embody a place where people can begin experiencing a life free from whatever traumatic experiences brought them there in the first place. LADV has been working with Mosaic to further the shelter's goal of providing a welcoming, comforting, and positive environment so that the very look and feel of its grounds may help survivors feel a bit more at ease when arriving at an unfamiliar place after having been through so much.

With this in mind, LADV members spent a recent Saturday volunteering at Mosaic. Members painted the facility's basketball court a bright, greenish-blue hue, transforming

the look and feel of the previously gray surface into a more cheerful, positive space for the children of Mosaic to play. Additionally, Committee members im-

proved Mosaic's landscaping by restoring a gravelly strip of land, which cut through an otherwise uninterrupted grassy field, by removing the gravel and planting new grass seed. All of this would not be possible without the help of our wonderful sponsors – **Dane Kustes** of DPR Construction, **Josh Christensen** of Five Start Painting, **Jesus Rivera** of Behr Paint, and **Home Depot**. LADV is very grateful for their support!

This was just the first phase of the LADV's action plan this year for enhancing Mosaic's facilities. Remaining phases of the project include getting a playground built on the grounds for the children of Mosaic to use, while also building and establishing an animal shelter onsite so that survivors can keep their pets with them when they come to Mosaic. The remaining projects will require significant fundraising. You can contribute by participating our upcoming fundraising events or by contributing directly to our

fundraising link, which can be located at <https://www.classy.org/checkout/donation?eid=134158>.



LADV Committee Members spent a recent Saturday volunteering their time to help improve the Mosaic grounds. Front row (l to r) Jessica Gutierrez, Janet Smith, Lindzi Timberlake, Anna Rupani, and Brandi Agnev. Back row (l to r) Ford Harmon and Matthew Agnev. Not pictured: Barbara Pelaez.

## In Case You Missed It... Ethically Interacting with Opposing Counsel

**O**n June 14, 2017, **Judge Maricela Moore, Michael K. Hurst, and Tricia DeLeon**, with **Heather Davis** moderating, spoke at a DAYL CLE titled, *He Said/She Said: Ethically Interacting with Opposing Counsel*. Here are some important takeaways:

1. Set the tone by the way you respond. It's not always necessary to match aggression with aggression. Finesse can be a more powerful show of strength and confidence.

2. Be easy to get along with but hard to beat.

- 3. Judges like to see practical solutions – certificates of conference for a reason.
- 4. Be passionate, but compassionate.

- 5. This is a profession, not a brawl. It isn't necessary to treat every exchange like a schoolyard tussle.

