

# MOSAIC MOMENTUM

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# Friends of Mosaic,

Hello! We are so excited to restart the Mosaic Family Services newsletter. It is such an honor to be selected as the new Executive Director, taking over for the founder, Dr. Walter Nguyen.

A little about myself: My first experience in a nonprofit was selling the most Girl Scout cookies in my troop. That was so much fun that I decided to make it my career. I have been in nonprofit fundraising and marketing ever since, serving at three different United Ways, the University of New Mexico, and Prism Health North Texas. In 2020 I became the Executive Director of Heart House, a specialized afterschool program for refugee children providing academic and mental health support. Through my work there I was introduced to Mosaic when staff from the Youth Services Program came and taught a 10-week life skills course about making good choices.

I love coming to work as the people here are so dedicated to the mission and making a difference for at-risk youth, refugees, and survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence. And none of this would be possible without your support.

Please enjoy learning about your impact through this newsletter!

Best,



Tori Hobbs, CFRE  
Executive Director

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# *Kaitlyn makes a monthly impact at Mosaic!*

I love supporting Mosaic Family Services each month, so I'm happy to share what initiated my interest in this wonderful community resource.

Essentially, back in 2014, I took a course in college on the historical, legal, and medical perspectives of human trafficking. This class opened my eyes in ways I never anticipated. Back then I was also interested in becoming a lawyer, so I applied for a public interest law fellowship at my university. This fellowship required a partner organization, and being from the DFW area, I researched organizations and came across Mosaic.

I ended up getting a different fellowship with the American Bar Foundation for that summer and

went off to Chicago, but I continued to follow Mosaic. When I returned to Texas in 2018 and moved to Dallas, I realized that I lived close to Mosaic's Greenville Ave office. Through my new employer, I can donate to nonprofits directly from my paycheck, so I realized I could easily donate monthly and make a regular impact on survivors.

Overall, I appreciate Mosaic for supporting people who are often unseen or overlooked in our society. There is a misperception that human rights abuses like human trafficking aren't happening on American soil, which couldn't be further from the truth.

So I'm proud to support Mosaic not only for its connection to human

trafficking but also for supporting victims of domestic violence and refugees.

*- Kaitlyn W., Dallas, Texas*



# *You Give Vital Care to Refugees like Fatma*

When she first came to Mosaic, Fatma was three months pregnant and experiencing some health issues. Fatma is a refugee from Afghanistan and recently arrived in the United States with her family. Although this was her sixth pregnancy, Fatma never had a women's exam or visited OBGYN, and she didn't understand the importance of prenatal health.

Luckily, she came to the right place for help! Fatma was matched with a case manager who speaks Farsi, her native language, Farsi. Fatma's case manager is a former refugee and understands her cultural background and refugee experience.

After her case manager educated Fatma and her husband about the importance of prenatal care for the health of Fatma and their baby, they both agreed to participate in Mosaic's Social Adjustment Services program and to see a doctor. Fatma's case manager helped her attain Medicaid and WIC, and provided interpretation at all her doctors appointments. After six months of care, Fatma delivered a healthy baby boy.

Fatma is so thankful for the support she received for herself and baby boy. Because of the services she received, Fatma's confidence grew as she became more and more self-sufficient and she began to see her self worth.

Most importantly, Fatma got the critical care she needed during her pregnancy for herself and her baby boy.



# *We believe everyone should have access to safety, especially children.*

In February, The New York Times published a story exposing the labor exploitation of migrant children across the United States. This investigation revealed that hundreds of immigrant children are being overworked in unsafe conditions across the country.

Some migrant children arrive in the United States after fleeing unrest or violence in their home countries. Some migrant children arrive in the United States expecting to continue their education and achieve the American dream. Regardless of the varied conditions that bring these children to the United States, the NYTimes article exposed that far too many are vulnerable to a similar outcome: child labor. Tragically, multiple systems meant to protect

migrant children have failed too many of these children, as illustrated in The New York Times story. We encourage everyone to read the article to hear the stories of immigrant children working in factories, restaurants, and warehouses across America.

At Mosaic, we believe safety is a human right. We believe everyone should have access to a safe home, especially children. We are devastated that thousands of children, if not more, have been subjected to child labor and labor trafficking across the U.S. We're hopeful that this NYTimes article brings about needed change to the broken systems that are failing to protect children.

Despite these tragic circumstances, there is hope. There are options for child labor trafficking survivors. Survivors like Mia, a former Mosaic House resident. Mia came to Mosaic House after being subjected to child labor trafficking. Mia celebrated her 18th birthday while living at Mosaic House; she has since graduated from our transitional housing program and has secured safe housing while also working to achieve some of her personal goals. Despite the trauma and abuse she suffered at a young age, Mia is resilient, strong, and capable of creating a successful and fulfilling life for herself.

We are proud and grateful to walk alongside survivors like Mia to give them the support they need to rebuild their lives.

## *Volunteer Spotlight: Dallas College Gives Back at Mosaic House!*

We love having volunteers give their time and talent to Mosaic's clients!

Volunteers from Dallas College's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department volunteered at Mosaic House in January and helped assemble furniture and beautify the space.

Later that month, the Dallas College

volunteers came back and surprised us with brand new tools, toolkits, hygiene items, and other supplies that were needed for our residents.

Thank you so much to Dallas College for your generosity and commitment to service. We are so grateful for your friendship and support!



Join Mosaic's monthly giving community *You Belong Here* and support survivors of human rights abuses. You help maintain key services such as: counseling, legal services, food, emergency shelter, and caring and compassionate case management. Your membership also minimizes fundraising costs; freeing up resources for direct services.

Join *You Belong Here* and be part of a community of generous, passionate, and invested donors who believe that dignity, freedom, and justice are fundamental human rights.

Scan the QR code to join today! If you have any questions, please contact Christine Unruh at

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Thank you for your consideration!

