

# MOSAIC MOMENTUM

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# Meet Emma!

Hello!

I am honored to introduce myself to you through this month's newsletter. My name is Emma Koffi-Gipson, Mosaic's Chief Financial Officer since January 2025. I am delighted to work at such an exceptional place not only because of the rich diversity of Mosaic's staff, but also because of their unwavering dedication and deep commitment to the mission. I am grateful to support the financial stewardship of an organization that brings hope and healing to so many.

As an immigrant and someone who has personally witnessed the impact of domestic abuse, I have a deep understanding of the challenges our clients face. This lived experience fuels my commitment to ensuring that Mosaic remains a place of safety, empowerment, and hope for those we serve.

The Finance team is dedicated to ensuring that every dollar entrusted to Mosaic is used with integrity, transparency, and impact. Behind every budget line is a story: of resilience, of transformation, and of lives changed. It is my responsibility and privilege to help ensure that our resources are aligned with our values and our vision for a safer, more compassionate community.

As we continue to grow, I look forward to working closely with our dedicated staff, generous donors, and passionate partners. Together, we can build a sustainable future for Mosaic and the individuals and families we serve.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission.

With gratitude,

*Emma Koffi-Gipson*



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can make an impact!*

Contact Cindy Nguyen at [cindyn@mosaicervices.org](mailto:cindyn@mosaicervices.org), to learn more about volunteer opportunities for corporate groups.

# *FLITE to Freedom uses art to make a difference!*

By using the power of creativity and expression, FLITE to Freedom transforms art into advocacy, using it as a tool to raise both funds and awareness for survivors of trauma. Their continued support helps ensure that survivors have access to the critical services they need to heal and rebuild.

“At FLITE to Freedom, we are continuously inspired by the stories of courage, healing, and resilience that emerge from the incredible work Mosaic is doing.

Mosaic doesn't just provide critical services; it creates a safe haven for survivors to rediscover their strength and rebuild their lives with dignity. We choose to support Mosaic because their mission is deeply human. It's about love in action: meeting people at their most vulnerable, and walking beside them toward hope. We're honored to be part of that journey and proud to champion an organization that reminds us all of the power of loving community,” said Adiana, Tara, and Angela, FLITE to Freedom Board Members.

Thank you to FLITE to Freedom for believing in our mission and uplifting survivors through beauty, generosity, and compassion!



## *You help survivors find a place to call home*

Gabriel came to the United States from Venezuela in search of safety and a better future for his family. He found work with a construction company in Texas, but instead of opportunity, he was met with exploitation. His employer took his immigration and personal documents, preventing him from renewing his visa, effectively making him undocumented. Because of his lack of immigration status, his employer took advantage of him and used that as leverage to exploit Gabriel, promising a home for his family if he kept working long, grueling hours under the blistering Texas sun.

He wasn't alone. Other workers faced the same mistreatment and exploitation. Then, one day, the police raided the worksite and detained all the workers.

When questioned, Gabriel chose to tell the truth. He shared his story with the agents, who quickly recognized the signs

of labor trafficking. They referred Gabriel to Mosaic, where he met with an attorney to help apply for immigration relief and protect his rights as a trafficking victim.

His employer was ultimately charged and convicted of human trafficking. Gabriel played a key role in the criminal case, bravely participating in the process and sharing his story.

After the trial, Gabriel's attorney filed a petition for remission, a legal process allowing victims to seek compensation from the seized assets of the convicted trafficker. Gabriel hoped that if the petition was approved, he might finally be able to achieve what his employer had falsely promised: a safe and stable home for his family.

Finally, after years of uncertainty, Gabriel's request for was granted. The compensation he received was life-

changing, enough to buy a home.

For the first time in a long time, Gabriel could finally give his family the safety and stability they had risked everything to find.

You can help survivors like Gabriel find a place to call home by giving to Mosaic on North Texas Giving Day! Learn how you can make an impact on the next page.



# Recognizing World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel someone into labor or commercial sex. But what does that really mean?

At its core, human trafficking is exploiting people for profit. Traffickers use threats, abuse, manipulation, or lies to force someone to work or perform sex acts. It's all about power, exploitation, and money.

Human Trafficking doesn't happen in a vacuum; it is not an isolated or random incident. Rather, it's the result of bigger problems, like poverty, abuse, discrimination, and lack of support/resources. These vulnerabilities create the perfect circumstances for exploitation to take root.

Survivors have taught us that traffickers are experts at identifying and exploiting people who are struggling. They typically target someone with unmet needs; someone who's hungry, scared, alone, or just trying to survive. Then, they offer what seems like help: a job, a place to stay, maybe even love or friendship. But that "help" comes with strings attached.

To fight this human rights abuse, we have to create strong communities, healthy families, inclusive policies, and economic opportunities to help build a defense against exploitation. Ending human trafficking means working toward systems where needs are met and survivors have a safe place like Mosaic to turn to.

You can be part of the solution by:

- Donating: Every dollar given creates opportunities for survivors to rebuild their lives.
- Volunteering: Get your company involved to make a difference!
- Requesting a speaker: Help bring awareness to your community.



## Volunteer Spotlight: Southwest Airlines spreads joy at Mosaic House!

Southwest Airlines is one of Mosaic's newest volunteer partners, and they have quickly made a huge impact this summer when they volunteered at Mosaic House!

Their energy and kindness lit up the room as they led fun, engaging activities for the kids at the shelter bringing joy and laughter. On top of that, volunteers helped clean and organize our kitchen and hosted a hygiene drive to support the families we serve.

"Mosaic Family Services mission to support,

protect, and empower the most vulnerable aligns deeply with our commitment to caring for people with empathy and heart. Their work reflects our values of compassion, connection, and creating safe spaces where every individual feels seen and supported," said Southwest Airlines volunteer, Vivek Wadhvani.

From crafts to cleaning, they brought joy, care, and a deep sense of community. Thank you, Southwest, for showing what it means to give back with heart!



**Mark Your Calendar! North Texas Giving Day is Thursday, September 18!** For survivors and refugees, *home is more than a place* - it's safety, healing, and the chance to rebuild after trauma.

By supporting Mosaic this North Texas Giving Day, you help survivors of human rights abuses find more than shelter - you help them find hope, strength, and belonging.

**Early giving opens August 28**, and your early gift can be one of the first to set healing in motion for every person who walks through the door.

For more information on how to support Mosaic this Giving Day, contact Gazal

Valestani at [gazalv@mosaicervices.org](mailto:gazalv@mosaicervices.org). Scan the QR code below to connect directly with Mosaic's North Texas Giving Day page.

Thank you for standing with Mosaic, and with every survivor on their journey home.

