

MOSAIC MOMENTUM

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CELEBRATING 33 YEARS

Meet Augusta!

I'm delighted to introduce myself in this month's newsletter. My name is Augusta Udemba, and I joined Mosaic Family Services in March 2026 as Staff Attorney. Before coming to Mosaic, I worked in corporate law, and I also had my own practice handling immigration and family law matters. That combination of experience gave me both a strong foundation in legal process and a firsthand understanding of what it takes to walk alongside clients through some of the most difficult moments of their lives. I'm licensed to practice law in Texas, Missouri, and New York, and because immigration law is federal law, I'm authorized to practice it in all 50 states. I earned my master's degree from Wake Forest University School of Law.

In my current role, I focus primarily on immigration and family law on behalf of our domestic violence and human trafficking clients. I work closely with survivors on protective orders, custody matters, immigration relief, and the broader legal processes that support their path to safety and stability. As an immigrant from Nigeria, I bring a deeply personal understanding to this work. Having navigated my own immigration journey, I understand how much it means to have someone advocate for you when the system feels overwhelming and unfamiliar, especially now, as sweeping immigration policy changes make the process even harder to navigate. That understanding is what drives my commitment to helping survivors find not just legal relief, but a genuine sense of safety and stability.

I look forward to growing with Mosaic, deepening my impact for the survivors we serve, and contributing to the broader mission of this incredible organization.

Thank you,

Augusta Udemba



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33 Years of Investing in Survivors!

For 33 years, Mosaic Family Services has been a place of hope, healing, and new beginnings for survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and refugee families across North Texas. What began in 1993 with a simple but powerful mission has grown into a compassionate network of advocates, supporters, and partners united by the belief that everyone deserves a life free from violence and exploitation.

This milestone belongs to every survivor who has found the courage to take the next step, every volunteer who has extended a helping hand,

every staff member who has served with compassion, and every donor whose generosity has opened doors to healing, justice, and opportunity. Year after year, every story of resilience has been strengthened by a community that repeatedly chose to show up for others during moments of crisis.

As we celebrate 33 years, we are filled with gratitude for everyone who has been part of this journey. Thank you for believing in our mission, for standing with survivors, and for helping create a future where every person has the opportunity to live with safety, dignity, and hope.



Volunteer Spotlight: Making a Difference with Nicole

Growing up, I watched my mother, an international medical graduate from Greece, fight to re-enter medicine in a new country. She faced skepticism from others because of her foreign credentials, especially in a male-dominated field. Watching her persevere made me more aware of the challenges many immigrant women face.

In September 2025, I started mentoring a refugee teenager from Afghanistan. Listening to her story of overcoming displacement further shaped my perspective. Helping her gain acceptance to college inspired me, and I realized I wanted to encourage other women to chase their dreams. After graduating from Texas A&M University and moving back to

Dallas, I chose to get more involved with the communities I care about most, and this is how I found Mosaic.

At the shelter, I facilitate weekly groups ranging from professional development, such as resume building or financial literacy, to personal development, like mindfulness and yoga, boundary setting, or embracing positivity. Getting to connect with these strong women reminds me each week that I made the right decision to volunteer here. Mosaic is uniquely equipped to offer survivors safety and a place to get back on their feet, while simultaneously helping to restore the autonomy that was taken away. I am proud to be a part of this mission.

- *Nicole A.*



A new chapter for Mika

For Mika, finding a safe place for herself and her two young children was the first step toward building a new future. After years of being trafficked by her partner, Mika was left fearful, isolated, and unsure of where to turn. When she reached out to a trusted friend, she found out about Mosaic Family Services.

At Mosaic House shelter, Mika met with a case manager who helped her take the next steps toward stability with compassion and understanding. She was accepted into Mosaic's transitional housing program, giving her and her children a safe apartment to call home while she continued to rebuild her savings account.

But a safe bed was only the beginning. Mika still needed to find childcare, secure employment, and work through the trauma she had experienced. Her case manager connected her with affordable childcare, helped her create a resume, and encouraged her to begin weekly therapy. With counseling, case management, and connections to community resources, Mika gradually began to feel more confident in her ability to move forward.

Today, Mika has a full-time job, and her two children are thriving in their new school. She is now focused on saving enough to move her family into permanent housing. With a safe place to live, compassionate people in her

corner, and the opportunity to take each step at her own pace, Mika and her children are building a future they're proud to call their own.



Citi (CAHND) Partners with Mosaic Family Services for Global Community Day

Citi Asian Heritage Network Dallas has partnered with Mosaic Family Services for over seven years, positively impacting hundreds of survivors and refugees along the way. CAHND has regularly volunteered at Mosaic's emergency shelter, and their longstanding partnership with Mosaic highlights their deep passion for supporting individuals and families in our community. During Global Community Day, Citi volunteers assembled snack sacks that would be distributed to Mosaic clients.

"Our partnership with Mosaic reflects a shared commitment to strengthening our community through compassion, service, and opportunity. At Citi Asian Heritage Network Dallas, we are proud to support Mosaic's mission through volunteerism, advocacy, and philanthropy - working together to help women and families build safer, stronger futures. We are honored to stand alongside Mosaic in creating lasting impact, one community at a time," said Malini Rajah.

Thank you, CAHND!



Mark Your Calendar! North Texas Giving Day is Thursday, September 17!

This North Texas Giving Day, Mosaic Family Services is celebrating *The Power of One* - the idea that meaningful change often begins with one person choosing

to help. One person who listens. One person who offers support. One person who helps someone find safety and new beginnings. By supporting Mosaic this North Texas Giving Day, you help turn the power of one into meaningful change. Your gift helps survivors and refugees find safety, strength, and hope as they begin to rebuild their lives.

Early giving opens August 27, 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. Scan the QR code below to connect directly with Mosaic's North Texas Giving Day page.

