

## 2019 Mission Endowment Fund Recipient – Mosaic

### Making Meaningful Lives



*In 2019, the Mission Endowment Fund granted \$80,000 to 29 ministries. This is one of the ministries.*

Equine therapy, horse finger-painting(!), Easter egg hunts, Valentine's, Luau, and swim parties, movie nights, and eating out! All these "meaningful life experiences" are provided with care and compassion to the developmentally disabled clients of Mosaic with the help of the financial grant from the Mission Endowment Fund. Mosaic was formed July 1, 2003 by the consolidation of two Nebraska-born Lutheran ministries dedicated to the needs of people with disabilities. Bethphage began in 1913 in Axtell, Nebraska, and Martin Luther Homes began in 1925 in Sterling, Nebraska.



Mosaic has more than 100 years of experience loving and serving their neighbor, including people who had nowhere else to turn, especially people with disabilities. Financial support provided through the Mission Endowment Fund grant has allowed Mosaic to provide



**Real life. Real possibilities.**

educational and enriching experiences for those Mosaic serves.

#### **Beth Sabella, Development Officer at Mosaic shares this**

**information:** Mosaic is an affiliated Social Ministry Organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Through affiliation, the ELCA acknowledges that Mosaic's ministry of service and love is an

essential expression of the church's call to meet human needs, advocate for dignity and justice, and work for peace and reconciliation. This affiliation is very important because of the support it brings to Mosaic.

It is also my pleasure to work with the Mission Endowment Fund to serve the five Mosaic agencies that in geographic area of the NT-NL Synod. Mosaic serves these communities: Dallas, Corsicana, San Angelo, Lubbock, and Waco.

Each of these agencies received funds from the grant to provide a variety of exciting activities for our clients. Each agency worked to provide community-based activities that included opportunities to build skills and independence and to expose individuals to new and different experiences. These vital funds assisted Mosaic in providing a "meaningful life" for those Mosaic serves.





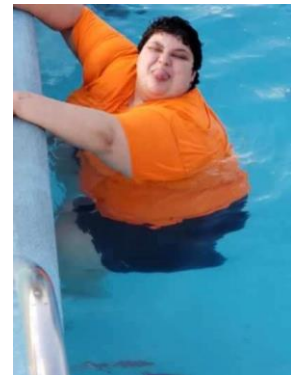
Each of the Mosaic homes for the adults participated in a number of different activities during the year. We took the folks from the Corsicana to an equine therapy ranch and spent the day petting and riding the horses, finger painting the horses, and



touching and holding other farm animals like ducks and baby chicks. Mosaic was served a barbecue lunch, and everyone REALLY had a good time. The Dallas clients love parties of all kinds, particularly to celebrate special occasions during the year.



Lubbock folks have gone on different lunch and movie outings. Because there is limited funding for recreation and many of the individuals we support have limited personal spending money, the Mission Endowment grant helps pay for extras like movies and eating out. The grant has helped make these outings enjoyable for all.



For San Angelo a day at the pool on a hot July day was a real treat! Waco's Easter was extra special thanks to Mission Endowment funds providing Easter baskets and funding an exciting Easter egg hunt. These events made great fun for all.



From the smiles on the people's faces, it is obvious that the events that the Mission Endowment Fund grant supported helped us create meaningful lives to the wonderful people we serve. For that we are grateful.

**Thank you, Beth Sabella, for submitting this information.**

Here are more of the happy faces at Mosaic:

