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**Midlands Community Foundation Names Mosaic  
Its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Reflection Ball Proceeds Recipient**

Papillion, Neb., October 17, 2011 – Midlands Community Foundation is pleased to announce that proceeds from the organization’s 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Reflection Ball on Jan. 7, 2012, will benefit Mosaic, a nonprofit organization serving people with intellectual disabilities, providing opportunities for them to enjoy a full life.

Midlands Community Foundation’s annual Reflection Ball plays an integral part in accomplishing the foundation’s mission of enhancing the quality of life for Sarpy and Cass county residents. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded gifts totaling millions of dollars to many worthy non-profit organizations, creating a lasting impact on the communities it serves. “The Reflection Ball has had a proud 30-year history of supporting charitable programs that make a difference in Sarpy and Cass counties and we are looking forward to hosting the Ball for Mosaic,” said Toney Gay, Midlands Community Foundation’s executive director.

Mosaic provides a life of possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities through supports which are tailored to the individual’s needs and desires. They support people to define their own happiness by asking people how they like to spend their day, what they love to do in their spare time, where they want to live and goals they would like to achieve. Then they partner with them to make those things happen. One of the ways these services are provided is through individualized residential services. Completed in 2010, a new 24-hour group home in Sarpy County was constructed to meet the highly specialized medical needs of six former residents of the Beatrice State Developmental Center, most of whom it will be their first opportunity since leaving their families’ homes to live in a community-based setting closer to family and friends. Mosaic in Omaha provides services and supports for nearly 250 individuals with disabilities in Sarpy and Douglas counties, and employs more than 300 full-time, part-time and on-call staff.

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The mission of Midlands Community Foundation is to benefit the diverse needs of the Sarpy and Cass county communities by providing financial support, involvement and service. The Foundation has placed an emphasis on prevention and education with a strong commitment toward programs benefiting health, art, culture, community, economic development, education and human services.

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