



Our Unwavering Commitment

**Your October Update from President,
Dr. Julie Gaddie**

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New Name, Same Community Commitment

At our Sept. 20 Ignite event, Heartland Foundation announced we would now be known as Mosaic Life Care Foundation.

The mission of Mosaic Life Care Foundation, in partnership with Mosaic Life Care, remains unwavering. We are committed to building healthy, thriving communities for generations to come. We believe in championing education and empowering people to live their best lives. When health care is needed, we are dedicated to ensuring exceptional health care is available, right here in the region.

Mosaic Life Care Foundation has been a catalyst for regional progress for more than 30 years. It has held several names, including Methodist Medical Center Foundation and Heartland Regional Community Foundation.

The Mosaic Life Care Foundation looks forward to the future by helping the region become healthy today, healthy tomorrow, healthy together.



Ignite Annual Fundraiser

Our Ignite Annual Fundraiser on Sept. 20 was a great success.

Over \$147,000 has been raised to date. Nearly 400 guests gathered on the rooftop of the Mosaic Downtown Parking Garage to raise funds so underserved youth in Buchanan, Andrew, Nodaway and Gentry counties can experience innovative learning in a summer STEAM Camp environment at emPowerU in St. Joseph and Think Ahead Works in King City, Missouri. The evening included regional food presentations, music by Soca Jukebox, award presentation and our name change. The evening was capped off by a brilliant fireworks display.

On Sept. 12, Mosaic Life Care Foundation announced its renaming of the Spark Award to the Judith K. Sabbert Spark Award. Sabbert was president of the Foundation for more than thirty years and led the development of emPowerU. This year's recipient was announced at our Ignite event.

The Judith K. Sabbert Spark Award was presented to Albany R-III High School in Albany, Missouri. The award is presented to individuals who, after experiencing emPowerU between sixth and twelfth grades, have developed an innovative plan for their own community and have created lasting change.

After experiencing [e2 Fellowship](#), Sara Doolittle and Michaela Martin submitted a [Jump Starter grant request](#) for their "Make A Vet Sweat" project. The project proposed a positive impact for Albany R-III high school students, the military veteran population of Albany and the surrounding counties of Andrew, Davies, DeKalb, Harrison, Nodaway and Worth.

"Make a Vet Sweat" proposed to maximize the aging weight room facility by updating the equipment and creating an external entrance to the area as an added security feature. A facility schedule would then be created to allow separate time for school activities and separate time for the military veterans.

Albany R-III students were empowered with the decision-making ability that helped them realize their high school needed updates for their school's weight room. The emPowerU experience also educated the high school students to know they had the ability within themselves to bring this idea to fruition.

It is not too late to be part of the event everyone is still talking about. To make a donation and ignite a brighter future, click [DONATE](#) to add your contribution to the ignite event.

Every gift helps us positively impact communities through education and empowerment. You can be a spark that makes a difference!



New equipment funded in partnership by Mosaic Life Care Foundation and Avenue City Elementary.

Project Fit America Launches in Avenue City

Mosaic Life Care Foundation is proud to partner with Project Fit America and the Avenue City Elementary School in our efforts to build healthy and thriving communities.

Project Fit America provides state-of-the-art outdoor and indoor fitness equipment, curriculum and on-site teacher training. The program goal is to reverse the lack of fitness in youth to give teachers the tools they need to teach children to take responsibility for their health and embrace healthy lifestyle choices with enthusiasm.

The launch at Avenue City included fitness demonstrations with students and staff. Rally from the St. Joseph Mustangs and KC Wolf from the Kansas City Chiefs cheered on the Avenue City Aces for this achievement.

Think Ahead Works Commercial Kitchen

Mosaic Life Care Foundation's satellite facility, Think Ahead Works in King City, Missouri, is beginning a new chapter.

Think Ahead Works is adding a co-working commercial kitchen to help local food producers expand their business market. The licensed kitchen at 107 W. Vermont St. will provide support to potential culinary artists such as bakers and salsa makers as they grow their business.

Renovations are coming along well. All of the commercial kitchen equipment has been moved in and we estimate a Nov. 1 completion date.

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CollaborACTION

Mosaic Life Care Foundation is now accepting proposals for 2020 CollaborACTION grant funding. Application deadline is Oct. 25.

Innovative project proposals need to be a collaboration between two or more

partnering organizations. Projects may focus on one community or serve neighboring communities throughout the region.

In order to apply, you must attend an informational session prior to submitting proposal. Please contact us to schedule.

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Mosaic Life Care Foundation is a think ahead organization focused on building healthy and thriving communities through educational empowerment.

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