





Media Release

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The Mustard Seed teams up with Mosaic Centre to tackle poverty in Edmonton

The Mustard Seed is pleased to announce that effective June 15th it will be joining together with another poverty serving program in Edmonton - Mosaic Centre.

As a well-known non-profit organization with locations in Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer, The Mustard Seed shares many similarities with Mosaic Centre including its Christian roots, and overall organizational goals.

"We are excited to have Mosaic Centre join The Mustard Seed family," says Chief Executive Officer of The Mustard Seed, Stephen Wile, "together we look forward to meeting the needs of those living in the northeast Edmonton."

Co-Directors of Mosaic Centre Megan Schuring, Linda Deveau and Kelly Hennig believe it is the right time to join with another organization as the trio has noticed an increase in demand for their services over the last seven years.

"We are excited for the Mosaic Centre to join The Mustard Seed. By coming together we can make a greater difference in our community inspiring hope and transformation for the individuals we serve," says the Mosaic Co-Directors.

Mosaic Centre was created in 2009 as a collaborative project between Emmaus Lutheran Church, Steele Heights Baptist Church, Trinity Christian Reformed Church and e4c. Megan, Linda and Kelly are grateful for the support they have received from e4c over the years and have expressed their appreciation of the organization's guidance and mentorship support during this time of transition.

"Mosaic Centre becoming a part of The Mustard Seed will help sustain this valuable resource centre for the long term," says Kourch Chan, e4c Chief Strategy Officer.

In joining with The Mustard Seed, the Mosaic Centre will provide the community with more access to programs and services, provide more staff and volunteer support and shared infrastructure that is more cost effective. All donations designated for Mosaic Centre will also continue to be allocated to Mosaic Centre programming.

Last year, The Mustard Seed had merged with The Neighbour Center to better serve community participants living on the south side of Edmonton. With the addition of Mosaic Centre, Mustard Seed Managing Director, Dean Kurpjuweit believes the organization will be able to reach more individuals in need on the north end of Edmonton as well.

"With the Mosaic Centre now joining us too, even more synergy will occur so that together, we can best serve homeless and impoverished people throughout Edmonton," says Dean Kurpjuweit, Managing Director of The Mustard Seed Edmonton.

About The Mustard Seed

The Mustard Seed is a Christian charitable organization that builds community, grows hope and supports change for people who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. It provides basic services, including meals, clothing, and shelter, as well as long-term solutions and support services such as housing, employment, health and wellness, and spiritual guidance. Founded in 1984, The Mustard Seed has been changing lives for 30 years. For more information visit <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.org/

About Mosaic Centre

Mosaic Centre is a resource centre located in Northeast Edmonton. The centre opened its doors in 2009 to serve the vulnerable population effected by poverty, hunger and homelessness. They are well known for providing a warm, safe and welcoming community environment as well as housing supports, workplace reintegration, life mentorship and Indigenous programming. For more information visit http://www.mosaiccentre.com/.

About e4c

e4c is a non-profit, charitable organization that has been working for almost 50 years to help vulnerable people here and now. At the same time, we're working to prevent and eventually eliminate poverty. It's a big task, but one we know is possible with the help of others who are ready to see the strength we see in the people we serve. For more information visit https://e4calberta.org/

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