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RESOURCE NETWORK

FAST FACTS

Mosaic offers parenting programs for newcomer parents all year long.

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Family Literacy Day in a Box



Viktoria, ESL students, and their children during the storytelling "I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean".

On August 4th Mosaic, in cooperation with Communities 4 Families, held an event called "Family Literacy Day in a Box". It was a full day of fun-filled activities for all of us, including our ESL students, Family program participants and their children. The aim of this event was to offer families some fun literacy activities and ideas that they could use at home. Ingrid Peters Derry, Communities 4 Families Co-ordinator, assisted in the planning giving us books, ideas, and templates to use as a guide for planning some great activities.

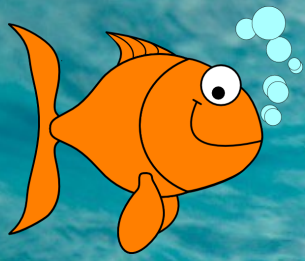
We started the day with all the participants gathered in one big room for the story telling session with Viktoria and with Lois in the afternoon. The title of the story book was "I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean" – a very simple book written by Kevin Sherry. While she was reading the story, Stephanie and Remy were doing the puppet show. It was a very interactive storytelling and participants were asked respond to questions. Laughter, plus an atmosphere of joy and enthusiasm filled the ocean themed

room; staff, parents and children enjoyed the puppet show very much.

After the storytelling cum puppet show, participants were divided into three groups, each group given a team leader. There were three stations, the activity station (fishing game, memory game and bingo), craft-making station (making octopi out of cupcake paper) and ocean-themed snacks for everyone to share. The team leader led their group from one station to the next, staying at each one for 15 minutes. Each parent was given a gift bag with a book and some items to take home.

The event was very successful – thanks to all our staff and volunteers who contributed their time and effort to make this happen. This is what we call **"Mosaic Magic"** where everybody plays an important part, no matter how small or big his/her role is. **Kudos to all Mosaic staff and volunteers!**

- Melinda Pascual, Family Programs Coordinator



Family Literacy Day in a Box



Volunteer Profile: Mercedita



I am a new immigrant from the Philippines who arrived here in Winnipeg last April 2014. I encountered Mosaic when I attended the Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting workshop in April 22, 2015. It was a friend of mine who told me about it and encouraged me to attend. It was a good decision taking the workshop because I really had a great and wonderful experience. Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting gave me a deeper understanding of children and the reasons for their behaviour in the different stages of their growing years; enabling me to understand them more and to know how they should be brought up, treated, loved, and taken care of. The workshop also gave me the opportunity to meet wonderful people from different places and cultures. I also learned that Positive Discipline can be applied in our dealings with our relationships with the different people we

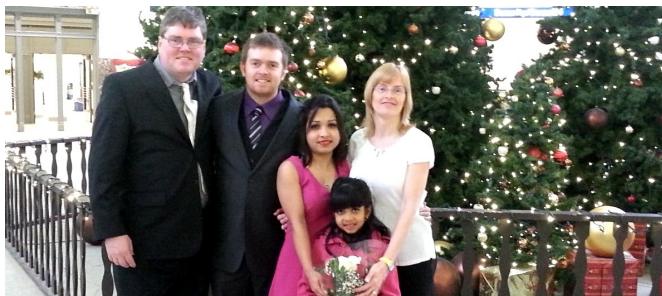
encounter daily. I looked forward to each day to come to class because I believe that Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting will have a strong impact on the lives of children and it can make our world a better place to live.

Believing in the values instilled in the workshop, I decided to take the next step and get involved in different Mosaic programs by becoming a volunteer, mentee and a participant. It feels good to take part in the different programs to build better and lasting relationships between parents and kids. It is a good foundation for strong communities. Taking part in every program like Wiggle, Giggle, and Munch, Storytelling, and Playback Theater gives me the opportunity to help parents and their kids as well as the facilitators; to play and have fun with everyone participating; and to learn skills that will enable me to provide excellent childcare to children and assistance to parents and other people in the community. I really hope that Mosaic Newcomer Family Resource Network will continue these programs and activities because they really help families in building closer and stronger relationships and in adapting to their new home and its culture.

Mosaic Newcomer Family Resource Network is a place where you will feel welcomed and accepted; a place with friendly and caring people; a place where there is knowledge and learning; a place where love and nurturing thrives; a place where you feel relaxed and rested; a second home.

- Mercedita Marasigan

Congratulations, Canadian Citizens!



Mahbuba and her family



Melinda and Mosaic staff



Viktoria and her family



Gabriela and her family

Mosaic AGM and New Board of Directors

I am very pleased to introduce Mosaic's new Board of Directors for 2015-2016. At our 6th Annual General Meeting in June, the following members were reaffirmed for another 2-3 year term, Briar Jamieson, Ariana Yaftali, Guadalupe Camorlinga, and Jodi Funk Clements; we also welcomed new member Fiorina Pasquarelli for her first 2 year term. The AGM was an opportunity to see new, and old friends of Mosaic, and to review another great year. The highlight may have been the ribbon cutting and tour of our new space, or maybe the ice cream that was served before dinner! Winnifred led us in a rousing round of Jambo Bwana, "Wageni, Wakaribishwa Mosaic yetu Hakuna Matata". (The visitors are welcome to Mosaic, don't worry!) Thanks to Melinda and the Family Programs team for their fun presentation, to Stephanie who brilliantly thought ice cream would be a good idea, and special thanks to Marie and Shoko for getting everything in place. Many thanks also to our outgoing Board members, Lan Doan and Tom Papagianopolous. Lan was a founding member of Mosaic, and a great friend. Tom contributed his wealth of knowledge and expertise over the last two years, thank you both!

- Val Cavers, Executive Director

Photos from the AGM



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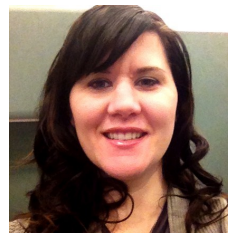
Ariana Yaftali

Ariana Yaftali works as a Community Health Facilitator at Mount Carmel Clinic and has more than ten years experience working with humanitarian agencies, including the United Nations Program for Afghanistan in Islamabad, Pakistan. She is currently working on her second degree in conflict resolution at the University of Winnipeg and has her Master's degree in Business Administration. Ariana is the co-founder of the Afghan-Canadian Women's Organization and she is also a member of Institute for International Women's Rights – Manitoba and vice-chair of Voices of Women for Peace. Prior to coming to Canada, Ariana worked with a number of organizations committed to women's rights and equality. She co-facilitated the National Consultation Workshop for Afghan Women in Kabul, Afghanistan and the National Human Rights Workshop for the Human Rights Commission in Kabul. Ariana has sat on the board of MOSAIC Board, the Canadian Council for Refugees, and Sponsorship Agreement Holder Council. She is also the author of "We Did It" book, a collection of refugees' experiences. She is a proud mother to four year-old Liliana.



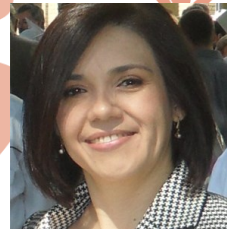
Briar Jamieson

Briar Jamieson is the Executive Director of English Online Inc., based in Winnipeg Manitoba. Her interests include technology enhanced learning, self-directed learning, and the power of social learning networks. Briar is on the National Language Advisory Body. She graduated from OISE in Toronto, and is currently enrolled in the Educational Technology MA program at UBC. She has been on the board of Mosaic since 2009.



Jodi Funk Clements

Jodi Funk Clements holds a CHRP and background in Human Resources. She was the recipient of the Rising Star Award in 2011 presented by the Human Resources Association of Manitoba. Jodi was a board member for Manitoba Association for Volunteer Administrators for 2 years and has recently joined the Mosaic Board. She spends most of her time running after her toddler, but enjoys continual learning in the Human Resources, Financial and Business fields..



Guadalupe Camorlinga

Guadalupe Camorlinga obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems from Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico. She has managed a variety of information systems projects for more than 20 years. She has extensive experience in the implementation of customized software applications for e-Learning, finance, accounting, payroll, and health management systems on a variety of technology platforms. Guadalupe is co-founder of Buhosoft, Inc.



Fiorina Pasquarelli

Fiorina holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Development Studies from the University of Winnipeg, and is currently pursuing a Management certificate. Fiorina has over ten years of community development experience in a variety of capacities. As a leader and a servant, she's worked for various inner city community organizations and has served as a board member with several neighborhood associations and groups.

Mosaic Summer Highlights





Happy Summer Everybody!

