



Dear Friend of Mosaico,

Twenty years ago, a group of neighbors came together to help their community to deal with the effects of the recent loss of its factories, an unemployment rate of 10% and difficult times for local businesses. As a group, they worked together to renovate a factory (Kaiser) and founded a community development group, Mosaico CDC. Fast-forward twenty years, and that neighborhood group is still actively working to revitalize the neighborhood and support its residents, their children and local small businesses. For twenty years, your support, contributions, and volunteerism, have helped.

Our recent purchase of **The Bristol Industrial Park** is the last phase of our original mission to rehabilitate the Kaiser property, restoring its historic character and economic potential to the region, and assisting with economic development in a neighborhood where low to moderate income individuals predominate.

Of course we continue to provide community support through our other programs:

Workforce Development to work with the unemployed and under-employed residents to decrease the unemployment rate of Bristol and Warren. We do this by offering skills training, job search and resume support, workshops, job training fairs and support groups.

Mentoring and YES! to help to keep children in school. Mosaico currently coordinates mentorships in three Bristol Warren Schools. The drop out rate for Bristol is 11.8% and our goal is to work in partnership with the Regional School District to continue to decrease this statistic by providing our most needy children with mentors who can guide them through the difficult adolescent years. As a new program, **YES!** guides high school students through a Career Development Curriculum designed to help them to develop their self-esteem, increase basic job-readiness and life skills, and participate in work-based learning activities. Graduates of this program agree that participating in YES! improved their attitude towards school and made them excited about their future. In the past 4 years, this program has achieved a 91% graduation rate for its participants and decreased their drop out rate by 10.5%.

The Sense of Pride Program has, to date, brought history and civic engagement to more than 1,200 students that have participated in the program, strengthening their connection and commitment to their community. This year we will pilot an expansion to 5th grade, highlighting the region's role in the Civil War.

With this Annual Appeal letter, we are once again asking for donations to help us to continue the important work we do. Your tax-deductible gift to Mosaico helps us to continue our efforts. Your contribution, along with our partnerships with other organizations such as the Town of Bristol, Bristol Warren Regional School District, Roger Williams University and many more, gives us the resources we need to help the community of Bristol. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Diana Campbell
Executive Director

Please make check payable to Mosaico CDC and mail to: **Mosaico CDC, 240 High Street, Bristol, RI 02809**

Name: _____ \$50. _____

Address: _____ \$75. _____

City: _____ State and Zip: _____ \$100. _____

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Phone: _____ Yes, I would like volunteer. _____