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Dedicated to Improving the Lives of Women and Children

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Mosaic Foundation Announces 2005 Trustees Grants Awards, Cycle I

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Washington, DC— The Mosaic Foundation awarded \$27,500 in grants to three separate organizations as part of the Mosaic Trustees Grants Program on October 12, 2004. Chairman of the Grants Committee, Mrs. Nevine Hassouna, announced at the monthly Board meeting, that after careful consideration of the fifteen received proposals, Montgomery Village Rotary Club, Rock Creek International School and the Arab Cultural and Community Center (ACCC) have been chosen to be the recipients of the 2005 Trustees Grants Cycle I.

The Montgomery Village Rotary Club, in Montgomery, Maryland, will receive \$15,000 toward its Basra Prosthetics Project, aimed to reopen an existing prosthetics center in Basra. In coordination with Physicians for Peace, this program would directly benefit the Iraqi physicians who will be trained and the patient-amputees who will receive the prosthetic limbs. This project will serve an estimated 5000 individuals, mainly children, who have lost their limbs due to the war in Iraq.

Rock Creek International School, in Washington, DC will receive \$10,000 to be used toward their dual English and Arabic program to promote international communication and understanding. Founded seventeen years ago with the intention of providing a world-class dual language curriculum, Rock Creek International School started last year the Arabic-English program. Mosaic's grants will be used to start an Arabic Children's library, which will become a resource for students of all cultures to enjoy.

The Arab Cultural and Community Center (ACCC), based in San Francisco, California will receive \$2,500 to be used toward the art exhibit, *Somewhere Elsewhere*, featuring contemporary Arab and Muslim artists who live in the US and whose art has been under or misrepresented in today's society. This exhibition starts on October 19th at the Worth Ryder Gallery on University of California Berkeley campus, and will offer a space for mutual understanding and coexistence. ACCC serves the San Francisco Bay Area by providing social services, educational programs and cultural events and works to strengthen the understanding of Arab culture within the United States.

These three Trustees Grants are a continuation of the Mosaic Foundation's efforts to be a positive force both within the community that the members reside as well as internationally. The Mosaic Foundation is an American tax-exempt charitable and educational organization founded in 1998 by the spouses of the Arab ambassadors to the United State. Mosaic's two-fold mission is to improve the lives of women and children and to better understanding between the peoples of the Arab World and the United States. In the years since its establishment in 1998, Mosaic has raised more than \$6 million from local, national and international corporate, non-profit and individual contributors and has made substantial donations to support outstanding work at the community, national, and international levels on behalf of women, children and families.

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