Our Mission remains the same
Holly Whittleton, Executive Director

The past year has been very challenging and productive for the Board of Directors and staff. A major restructuring was undertaken to ensure economic sustainability in the face of major federal cuts.

The creation of a new Operations Department has merged Administrative and Accounting Services. A new Fee-for-Service Department has been developed to include Interpretation, Translation and Cross Cultural Training, and a new management position has been created for this department to develop a strategic business plan and to oversee day to day operations.

Organizational change can invigorate and create an atmosphere of creativity and productivity. MOSAIC has entered its 23rd year with some major changes to programs and services, but our mission statement remains the same.

Our partnerships with funders at the City, foundation, federal and provincial levels continue to provide essential services to immigrant communities.

It has been a pleasure working with the members of the Board of Directors during the past year. Their commitment to excellence and MOSAIC’s mission has served as an inspiration to the community as well as staff.

MOSAIC: precious resource for immigrant mothers

Martia Hernandez, a single mother of two young children in her tiny apartment, seems at ease and content with the new direction of her life after overcoming a major crisis.

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Social Services Minister Joy McPhail.

Now employed in a sewing factory, Hernandez could easily be called a role model for many other single mothers who, with assistance from individuals and various non-profit groups, has been able to get on with her life.

About three years ago her husband died soon after the couple arrived as government-sponsored refugees, leaving her and the children dependent and helpless.

"I was your classic single mother who could only speak Spanish and knew very little of the western culture," said Hernandez. "I wanted to be independent, but I required help and guidance.”

The provincial government last week renewed funding of $45,000 to the Multilingual Orientation Services Association for Immigrant Communities (MOSAIC), a non-profit organization.

"The program offered by MOSAIC is an invaluable resource for immigrant mothers who do not speak English, but still need access to health and social services," said Social Services Minister Joy McPhail.

"By helping these women become full participants in Canadian society, we are helping to strengthen immigrant families," she added.

Irene Policker, family program coordinator at MOSAIC, said it's important to keep in mind this program will provide a bridge between the two cultures - Latin-American and Western - for all Spanish-speaking mothers.

The program for 30 participants will concentrate on workshops pertaining to self-esteem, citizenship, family violence, entrepreneurship, nutrition and health.

Call MOSAIC for further information on the Spanish-speaking mothers program.

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BILINGUAL SERVICES

PARALEGAL ADVOCACY PROJECT FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Bilingual Services Department has always been creative in initiating new ways of serving immigrant and refugee communities to settle and integrate into mainstream society.

As a result of the Bilingual Counsellors identifying a need in the area of community advocacy, a paralegal project was put together and is now funded by the Law Foundation of Vancouver.

With a Paralegal, Emma Andrews, and supervising lawyer, Alison Sawyer, the project provides legal assistance in the area of poverty law.

This project reflects MOSAIC's strategy of providing integrated services and programs to new immigrants and refugees.

MOSAIC's
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 1995
Heritage Hall
3102 Main Street
Vancouver, B.C.

7:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker:
The Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh,
Attorney General,
Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism,
Human Rights & Immigration

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