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### **St. Louis Mosaic Project's Annual Community Event and Immigrant Food Entrepreneur Awards**

*St. Louis Mosaic Project is Proud to Support Annual Immigrant Heritage Month*

(St. Louis, MO) – St. Louis Mosaic Project is pleased to announce that the Mosaic Annual Community event will be taking place at the Missouri History Museum June 1, 2016 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm and everyone is welcome to attend. Awards to be presented at 6:00 pm.

As part of Immigration Heritage Month (IHM 2016) kickoff this June, St. Louis Mosaic Project is bringing awareness about the importance of celebrating and sharing immigrant heritage stories as a welcoming effort to the St. Louis region.

Immigrant Heritage Month's initiative is to partner community organizations, elected officials, corporations, artists and thought leaders to gather and share inspirational stories of American immigrants. St. Louis Mosaic Project has partnered with the Missouri History Museum for the Mosaic annual community event that recognizes immigrant food entrepreneurs and their contribution to the food scene in the St. Louis region. There will be a variety of ethnic foods from a selection of food trucks including Bombay Food Junkiez, Brazil Express, Big Fat Greek Truck and Lu Lu's Chinese & Dim Sum. The communal tables will encourage everyone to come together, to try different foods while sharing stories of food heritage in St. Louis.

St. Louis Mosaic Project will also be honoring immigrant food entrepreneurs for their creativity, drive and dedication in creating a more welcoming region through their diverse entrepreneurial efforts. The immigrant food entrepreneurs to be honored include: Jason Jan (FroYo and Nami Ramen), Julia Li (LuLu's Fresh Express and LuLu's Chinese & Dim Sum Food Truck), Alaa Alderie (Cham Bakery), Ermin and Senada Grbic (Grbic Restaurant), Abderrhaane Meskine

(Baida Moroccan Restaurant) and Angel Jimenez Guterrez (Señor Pique). Each immigrant food entrepreneur will share his or her journey of success.

St. Louis Mosaic Project is also excited to announce that Midwest BankCentre has become the fifth Mosaic Ambassador Company due to its connections with the foreign-born communities in St. Louis. More details to come in the near future.

### **About Immigrant Heritage Month**

Immigrant Heritage Month celebrates a United States that is fueled by immigrants from around the world and the ways in which America and the immigrants who have built our country are linked in a shared, productive history. Immigrant Heritage Month is organized by Welcome.us, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Learn more about the campaign and Immigrant Heritage Month by visiting [welcome.us](http://welcome.us).

### **About the St. Louis Mosaic Project**

The St. Louis Mosaic Project was launched in 2012 in response to an economic impact report, outlining St. Louis to be lagging in immigrant growth as well as highlighting the economic benefits of increasing its foreign-born population. The Mosaic Project is a regional initiative that is professionally managed by St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, World Trade Center and a 27-member committee. Its goal is to transform St. Louis into the fastest growing major metropolitan area for immigration by 2020 and promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. Learn more at [www.stlmosaicproject.org](http://www.stlmosaicproject.org)