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Bilingual International Assistant Services Becomes 53rd Mosaic Ambassador Organization

ST. LOUIS – June 16, 2023 – <u>Bilingual International Assistant Services</u>, a leading advocate for equal access to healthcare, mental health, and social services for all individuals regardless of national origin or language ability, became the 53rd Ambassador Organization for the St. Louis Mosaic Project.

With a majority of its staff being foreign-born, Bilingual International Assistant Services brings firsthand experience and cultural knowledge to their work. Leveraging its deep connections within refugee and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) communities, it reinforces its dedication to fostering a welcoming environment for individuals from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

Aligned with the St. Louis Mosaic Project, Bilingual International Assistant Services will actively support the Mosaic Professional Connector Program, empowering work-authorized foreign-born candidates by facilitating networking opportunities and providing extensive resources.

Additionally, Bilingual International Assistant Services is committed to participate in the Mosaic International Spouse Program and International Mentor Programs specifically designed for "Trailing Spouses." These initiatives provide invaluable support and guidance to individuals who have relocated due to their partner's professional opportunities, helping them navigate their new environment and establish a sense of belonging.

About Bilingual International Assistant Services:

Bilingual International Assistant Services is an organization dedicated to ensuring equal access to healthcare, mental health, and social services for all individuals, regardless of national origin or language ability. Through advocacy, education, and direct multilingual services, Bilingual International Access Services promotes inclusivity, fosters integration, and advocates for the rights of individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds. For more information about Bilingual International Access Services, please visit https://www.bilingualstl.org/.

About the St. Louis Mosaic Project:

The St. Louis Mosaic Project, launched in 2012 under the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership and the World Trade Center-St. Louis aims to make St. Louis the fastest-growing US major metropolitan area for immigration by 2025. As a public/private partnership supported by a diverse mix of regional leaders, the St. Louis Mosaic Project fosters a welcoming environment for immigrants, celebrates their contributions, and promotes economic growth in the region. For more information, visit <u>www.stlmosaicproject.org</u>.

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