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MOSAIC FOUNDATION CHOOSES AMIDEAST AS 2008 MAJOR BENEFICIARY RECIPIENT

Washington, DC – Mosaic Foundation has announced AmidEast will be their Major Beneficiary Grantee for 2008. AmidEast and Mosaic will work together to establish a program promoting entrepreneurship in young women in the Middle East. **The program is designed to raise awareness about entrepreneurship among disadvantaged high school women from the region and to encourage them to consider starting their own small businesses after graduation.**

The Mosaic Foundation is an American charitable organization founded by the wives of the Arab Ambassadors to the United States. Mosaic has been dedicated to improving the lives of women and children as well as promoting understanding between the United States and the peoples of the Arab World for over 10 years now. **Since it was founded in 1997, Mosaic has awarded over 10 million dollars.**

“This is the Year of the Woman at the Mosaic Foundation. We believe the entrepreneurial spirit in the Arab World is fresh and innovative, and women are playing a large part in that. Our project with AmidEast focuses on young women in high school who do not plan on continuing their education. It equips them with critical technical, vocational and networking skills that will allow them to not only look ahead to university education, but also to their future roles as entrepreneurial, active members in their societies. We are pleased with this partnership and its potential to provide women with a brighter future and greater opportunity,” said **Mrs. Nermin Fahmy, Chairman and President of the Mosaic Foundation Board of Trustees.**

“We are delighted and honored to be designated as the recipient of the Mosaic Foundation’s annual grant next year. AMIDEAST and Mosaic share a similar mission: to promote understanding and cooperation between Americans and the people of the Middle East and North Africa through our programs and services,” said **Ambassador Theodore Kattouf, President and CEO of AmidEast.**

The Mosaic Foundation is an American not-for-profit charitable and educational organization founded in 1997 by the spouses of 17 Arab Ambassadors to the United States. Its mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of women and children, while promoting awareness, understanding and appreciation between the peoples of the Arab World and the United States through its charitable, humanitarian, and cultural involvement in both regions. For more information, please visit www.mosaicfound.org.

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