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## **MOSAIC'S YOUNG ARTISTS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST**

*November 13, 2006 Detroit, MI*—Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit shares its gift of performance as they give back to the Detroit community on December 2, 2006. At daybreak over 100 of Mosaic's young artists will gather in their bright red t-shirts as they head out for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Perform-A-Thon, sponsored by the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund. These talented young people will perform at more than 70 homeless and domestic abuse shelters, nursing homes, juvenile detention centers, hospitals, hospices and other facilities in just twelve hours.

Mosaic's Perform-A-Thon event has been a part of the organization since it was founded in 1992. Not only are these young artists trained to be exceptional performers, but they are also taught to take their responsibilities as community citizens seriously. "This day of service brings some much needed joy to the lives of those we perform for," said Artistic Director Ken Anderson, "and it also changes our young artists, opening their eyes to those members of the community that need their help."

Mosaic's songs and skits bring smiles to the faces of those who need some holiday spirit, and sometimes tears of joy. Arielle Bennett, 16, remembers one experience with an elderly woman at a nursing home during last year's Perform-A-Thon, "she came over to us and started to cry as she told us how she loved to hear people sing. She hadn't had heard anyone sing for her in a long time because she had to stay in the nursing home. We all started to cry with her and hug her. She smiled at us and waved as we left. I hope we get to see her again this year."

Perform-A-Thon will continue until late into the evening when all 100 young artists return to Mosaic to share their experiences. Ms. Bennett believes that the day is about more than performing for those less fortunate, its about "touching someone's spirit and giving them hope."

Mosaic's young artists head out at 9am, Saturday, December 2, 2006 from the General Motors Mosaic Theatre.

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