Mission
Dedicated to improving the lives of families through storm recovery, housing rehabilitation, education, and advocacy efforts in order to promote healthy housing and households in Brazoria County, Texas.

2021 Key Initiatives / Accomplishments
- Winter Storm Uri Response
- Hurricanes Laura & Delta Response
- Hurricane Harvey Rebuild
- Food Distribution
- COVID-19 Response

STORY: The 24th Repair

As a local disaster recovery-based organization, Mosaic in Action has seen its fair share of challenging cases. Water damage, botched jobs, deferred maintenance, raccoon infestations, giant holes in roofs, ceilings, floors, and walls. You name it, Mosaic in Action has probably seen it and fixed it with the help of volunteers. But one of our most challenging cases was Mr. L’s home and the 23 essential repairs that went along with it.

Coalition Construction Supervisor, Mr. Marcus George, wasted no time securing bids for the 23 individual projects. Once the bids were awarded, the dreaded waiting game of finding the funding began. Knowing that this period is often difficult for homeowners, Marcus continued to visit with Mr. L, even when there was no update to give on the funding.

Once funding was secured, Marcus’s visits did not stop. If anything, this meant he needed to be spending even more time with Mr. L to coordinate everything. Over the time it took to complete the 23 repairs, the two men evolved from strangers to family—something that Mr. L never expected to happen.

During one of their “porch talks,” Mr. L confessed that he was unsure why he even answered the door for Marcus that very first day. He explained that his faith in humanity had been crushed, leaving him with a deep-seated mistrust of strangers. Even before the pandemic, Mr. L kept his distance from anyone outside his community.

To be vulnerable with Marcus, a perfect stranger, and admit he needed help was a big first step. He continued to push himself until he was no longer confined to his comfort zone and was able to open himself to the world.

Completing those 23 repairs was absolutely rewarding, but the most meaningful repair was the healing of Mr. L through his friendship with Marcus. While this was one of Mosaic in Action’s most challenging and physically demanding cases, it was also one of the most rewarding.
Restoring a House and Building Friendships

Ms. M had been living with damages from Hurricane Harvey for years and managing, but when the 2021 Winter Storm caused interior flooding, she could no longer safely reside in her home. Following the freeze, outside volunteers visited Ms. M, provided repairs to the bathroom, and built her a back porch. Ms. M was highly grateful for these repairs but could not return home due to the remaining damages.

After being out of her home for the better part of a year, Ms. M decided to look for help at the Brazoria County HUD office, which is how she found Mosaic in Action.

Since first working with Ms. M in late 2021, Mosaic in Action has been able to gut her flooring, create an accessible front porch, re-wire the house, address plumbing concerns, and paint the exterior of her home, all completed by volunteers. Ms. M has been a constant source of joy when she visits volunteers and staff, and she always brings a case of Dr. Pepper as her way of saying thanks.

2022 Vision

Mosaic in Action, as a Houston Responds coalition in Brazoria County, can change the lives of local families through immediate disaster relief and ongoing community support. The combined strength of Houston Responds coalitions will allow Mosaic in Action to better address the unacceptable realities of widespread deferred maintenance, apathy for those living in generational housing, and transient relief funding.

Mosaic in Action’s goal of serving its Brazoria County neighbors will be accomplished by using its most valuable resource, volunteers. By leveraging volunteers, especially ones from coalition partners, Mosaic in Action will be able to combat the unjust obstacles that stand in the way of so many Brazoria County residents. The coalition will continue building and nurturing relationships with county leaders and local communities and looks forward to all that will be accomplished in 2022.