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Merger strengthens ability for social and mental health service delivery to Waterloo Region!

Kitchener: Mosaic Counselling and Family Services and kidsLINK (Notre Dame of St. Agatha Inc.) are pleased to announce today the amalgamation of these two long-standing and successful social and mental health service leaders. The Ministry of Government Services has approved the incorporation of the new organization that will operate as Carizon Family and Community Services as of April 1st, 2013.

“Both kidsLINK and Mosaic are recognized for their leadership in providing a multitude of services that strengthen individuals, families and neighbourhoods,” says Carizon’s President of the Board of Directors, Rich Steinmann. “This merger will allow these two agencies to enhance their ability to contribute positively to the well-being of children, youth, adults, families and communities.”

CEO Sue Gillespie, who will lead Carizon, identifies the ability of the new organization to provide a continuum of care that meets the changing needs of our community. “Combined, kidsLINK and Mosaic have the experience of providing services to our community for more than 216 years. As a leader in social and mental health service delivery,” says Gillespie, “we will draw on that expertise to leverage complementary strengths and proactively pursue an even more impactful future.”

The name Carizon, a combination of the words care and horizon, was designed to capture the nature of the services provided by the agency, as well as its hope and vision for the future of this community.

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ABOUT MOSAIC
Mosaic provides individual counselling, group programs, credit counselling and community outreach services to children, men, women, couples and families. Mosaic is recognized for its wide-ranging expertise in the field of mental health, children and youth development, domestic violence prevention
and service delivery, and the provision of services for new Canadians and refugees. Mosaic is also the home of Pathways to Education and the Family Violence Project of Waterloo Region.

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ABOUT KIDSLINK
KidsLINK provides a broad range of programs and services to help children, youth and their families facing or at risk of social, emotional and mental health challenges. kidsLINK provides residential, day treatment and community-based programs, including respite services and early intervention services. kidsLINK specializes in enabling wellness, building resilience and reducing the negative impact of trauma.

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