



## Common Ground™

Highlights from Mosaic in Florida

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## Mosaic Hosts Hunger Relief Forum

On July 26, Mosaic hosted its first Hunger Relief Forum to encourage public dialogue about the growing problem of food insecurity in Florida, the U.S. and globally. The forum featured a compelling presentation by National Geographic Magazine Photojournalist John Stanmeyer and a panel discussion with local food relief experts. With Stanmeyer's photographic presentation providing human context for the issue on a global scale, the panel discussion addressed the implications of food insecurity in Central Florida, where 1 in 6 people don't know where they will get their next meal. Tampa's WFLA News Channel 8 anchor Keith Cate moderated the event.

"Because food is so often taken for granted here, hunger is an unfathomable condition," said Thomas Mantz, executive director of Feeding America Tampa Bay. "It's truly through the support of partners like Mosaic and social ambassadors like John Stanmeyer that we are able to raise awareness and talk about community-driven and global solutions."

At the event, Mosaic recognized 12 local nonprofit organizations that are supporting hunger relief in Central Florida by granting each a \$10,000 donation. The organizations included Feeding America Tampa Bay and Meals on Wheels of Tampa, the Florida Association of Food Banks and the Harry Chapin Food Bank in Fort Myers, the Hardee Help Center in Wauchula, ECHO in Brandon, All Faiths Food Bank in Sarasota, Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee

and Our Daily Bread in Bradenton, Agape Food Bank and VISTE in Lakeland, and Cutting Edge Ministries in Zolfo Springs.

[View a video](#) about the forum on Mosaic's YouTube channel and [NBC Channel 8's news coverage of the event](#).



Panel members pictured above (left to right): Moderator Keith Cate, anchor for Tampa's WFLA News Channel 8; Neil Beckingham, sustainability manager for Mosaic; Patrizia La Trecchia, Ph.D., associate professor at University of South Florida Patel College of Global Sustainability; Rebecca Brislain, executive director of the Florida Association of Food Banks; and Thomas Mantz, executive director of Feeding America Tampa Bay.

## Ag in the Classroom Grant Reaches 7,400 Students



Students in the five Florida counties in which Mosaic has operations - DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Manatee and Polk - learned how to grow Florida fruits, vegetables and other plants this school year thanks in part to a grant from The Mosaic Company Foundation through [Florida Agriculture in the Classroom](#).

The Foundation awarded Florida Agriculture in the Classroom \$30,000 last year to fund \$500 school garden mini-grants in the five counties. According to final reports turned in by the teachers who carried out the projects during the last school year, they reached more than 7,400 students.

"Students in kindergarten through fifth grade have created a small fall and spring vegetable garden during their time in the science lab this year," said Polk County teacher Dana Burroughs of Jesse Keen Elementary, in a letter describing her grant project. "Our gardening project is teaching students the value of hard work, discipline and giving to others to make their community a better place to live."

## Mosaic Sponsors Series of WUSF-TV Short Nature Videos

Mosaic has underwritten a series of 90-second videos by award-winning filmmaker [Elam Stoltzfus](#) featuring short stories on the environmental beauty of Florida. Stoltzfus is well known for his numerous Public Broadcast Television documentaries, including "Kissimmee Basin: the Northern Everglades" and most recently the "Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition: Everglades to Okefenokee," which was also underwritten by Mosaic.

The short videos are airing on Tampa-based WUSF-TV, and can be viewed at the links below.

[Big Cypress Swamp](#)

[Rookery Bay](#)

[Flowers of SW Florida](#)

[Myakka State Park](#)

[Kissimmee River](#)

[Florida Ranches](#)

[Birds of SW Florida](#)

## Mosaic Dedicates New Dredge at Wingate Mine

Karen Swager, Vice President, Operations - Mining, stands in front of the new "Liberator" dredge that was dedicated at community event at the Wingate Mine in Manatee County on July 23. The \$9 million state-of-the-art phosphate mining dredge is more energy efficient and environmentally friendly since it uses less fossil fuel and LED lighting. Watch the short video to [learn more](#).



[Public Parks Brochure Now Online](#)



For decades, phosphate companies have been partnering with local and state governments to create unique public assets and amenities. [Click here](#) to explore 16 outstanding local and state parks on formerly mined land in Polk, Hillsborough, Hardee and Manatee counties.

We've also developed a series of new brochures that further demonstrate Mosaic's promise of stewardship and involvement in the communities where we operate. Click on the links below to learn more.

- [Our Promise - Water & Stream Stewardship](#)
- [Our Promise - Land & Wetlands Reclamation](#)
- [Our Promise - Wildlife Management](#)