



St. Louis Mosaic Project

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BJC HealthCare Becomes 56th Mosaic Ambassador Company and Kicks off the Region's Annual Welcoming Week with a Breakfast to Celebrate International Nurses and Staff

ST. LOUIS, MO – Sept. 17, 2024 – BJC HealthCare, one of the largest nonprofit health care integrated delivery organizations in the country, has been named [St. Louis Mosaic Project's 56th Mosaic Ambassador Company](#). This recognition is a testament to BJC HealthCare's continuous efforts to foster a diverse and inclusive workplace by hiring foreign workers with a range of clinical specialties.

In the last few years, BJC HealthCare has hired more than 100 international staff, including nurses and professionals in other clinical areas. To celebrate and welcome these important frontline workers, BJC HealthCare hosted a private Welcome Breakfast on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, in the Detrick Building Atrium at Christian Hospital. County Executive Sam Page and Dir. of the Office of New Americans in the City of St. Louis' Mayor's Office, Gilberto Pinela, are expected to attend and address the group. This event is not open to the public.

The event coincides with the start of [Welcoming Week](#) (Sept. 13-20), an annual national campaign organized by Welcoming America, a global nonprofit leading a movement of inclusive communities becoming more prosperous by ensuring everyone belongs, including immigrants (the St. Louis Mosaic Project is a member). The purpose of the week is to highlight what communities around the country do to be more welcoming for all, including immigrants. A calendar of events and initiatives taking place throughout the St. Louis region can be [found here](#).

"Celebrating our international staff members is such an honor," said Jackie Tischler, BJC HealthCare's chief people officer. "We work hard to foster an environment of belonging and inclusion where everyone feels valued and can be their best."

As a Mosaic Ambassador Company, BJC HealthCare commits to valuing and maintaining an internationally welcoming work environment. The company plans to engage the Mosaic Project's foreign-born community for recruitment opportunities to expand its talent pool.

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It will also continue to support the growing international community in St. Louis by providing diversity and inclusion training, celebrating multicultural events/holidays, and having resource groups for these diverse associate groups.

Additionally, BJC HealthCare will spread awareness of the St. Louis Mosaic Project by hosting an event for international employees and their spouses to learn more about Mosaic's [Professional Connector program](#), [International Spouse Program](#), and [International Mentoring Program](#).

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About BJC HealthCare

BJC HealthCare is one of the largest nonprofit health care organizations in the United States, delivering services to residents primarily in the greater St. Louis, southern Illinois and southeast Missouri regions. Serving the health care needs of urban, suburban and rural communities, BJC includes 14 hospitals and multiple health service organizations. Services provided by BJC include inpatient and outpatient care, primary care, community health and wellness, workplace health, home health, community mental health, rehabilitation, long-term care, and hospice. BJC's nationally recognized academic hospitals, Barnes-Jewish and St. Louis Children's hospitals, are affiliated with Washington University School of Medicine.

About the St. Louis Mosaic Project

The St. Louis Mosaic Project began in 2013 under the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership and the World Trade Center-St. Louis. Its goals are to make St. Louis one of the fastest-growing US major metropolitan area for immigration by 2025, to design and support regional attraction strategies and to promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation.. Mosaic is a public/private partnership supported by a 32-member steering committee comprised of a diverse mix of regional business, civic, economic development, faith, agency, and academic leaders. For more information, visit www.stlmosaicproject.com.