On Thursday, December 19th, 2019, the Texas A&M Department of Economics staff got together to wrap donated Christmas presents for Mosaic – Southeast Texas Chapter. A few months ago, Margaret contacted Mosaic and received about two dozen individual Christmas wish lists. Economics staff and faculty then were able to select the list they wanted to donate to and bring in their unwrapped presents to the department. The ECON staff then wrapped and labeled all the donations and had them ready to be picked up before Christmas.

Each quarter, an ECON staff member chooses a different charity in which to donate time or resources. This quarter, Margaret Lomas Carpenter (Master’s Program Manager) selected Mosaic for the charitable event, an easy decision for her. She chose this charity because while most people focus on donating gifts to children from an Angel Tree, Mosaic has many adult disabled clients who either have no family to receive gifts from, are living with a host family or in a shared home, or are alone during the holidays, and at times, do not receive Christmas gifts.

Mosaic is an organization that serves more than 4,500 people in 11 states. Services are tailored to meet individual needs and goals, allowing people to be as independent as possible. Services are designed for people with disabilities, mental and behavioral health needs and autism, as well as aging adults.
From L to R: Madison Bourgeois (Student Worker), Margaret Lomas Carpenter (Master’s Program Manager), Rochelle Read (Academic Advisor II) and Paula Verdegaal (Academic Advisor II) wrap presents for Mosaic.