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Sunbeam Family Services Welcomes Two Local Leaders to Board of Directors

**Nico Gomez and Mark Potts
Join Sunbeam Family Services, Tony Welch Appointed Board President**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Sunbeam Family Services, one of Oklahoma’s longest-serving nonprofits, recently added two local business and civic leaders to the organization’s Board of Directors.

Nico Gomez is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Association of Health Care Providers. Previously, he served as CEO of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the state Medicaid agency, from 2013-2016. He began his employment with the Authority in 2000. In 2005, Nico was appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve on a state Medicaid reform task force. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in journalism and public relations and also has a masters’ in business administration with an emphasis in health care administration from Southern Nazarene University and serves as an adjunct faculty member for the university teaching Leadership in Health Care Administration. He serves on the board for Crossings Community Clinic and is an associate board member for Oklahoma Employees Credit Union. He has served as an elected member of the board of education for Bethany Public Schools since 2009.

Mark Potts is owner and managing partner of Potts Exploration, LLC, an oil and gas company, working with his father Ray and brother Steve. In addition to serving on the board of the Potts Family Foundation, Mark has also served on the boards of Chance to Change and The Francis Tuttle Foundation. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor’s degree in geological and earth sciences/geosciences.

“Sunbeam greatly benefits from the wisdom and contributions of board members like Nico and Mark. Nico brings great experience and knowledge from his years at the Health Care Authority and Mark has unique insights from his involvement in both the nonprofit and for profit arenas,” said Sunbeam Family Services Chief Executive Officer Jim Priest. “Our board members are valuable partners in Sunbeam’s efforts to provide help, hope and opportunity to our vulnerable citizens; we’re delighted to have Nico and Mark join us.”

Current board member Tony Welch was also named president of the board for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Welch is vice president of investments for Griffin Investments, a subsidiary of Griffin Communications. He has served on the Sunbeam Family Services board since 2012 and has also served on the OKC Philharmonic board.

About Sunbeam Family Services

Founded in 1907, Sunbeam Family Services is one of Oklahoma’s long-serving nonprofits, providing people of all ages with help, hope and the opportunity to succeed through early childhood, foster care, counseling and senior services. To learn more, visit www.sunbeamfamilyservices.org or follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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