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Sunbeam Family Services and Catholic Charities Honored at Snowflake Gala A Very Giving Christmas Collaboration Earns Organizations the Doug Stussi Award

OKLAHOMA CITY – Sunbeam Family Services and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has received the Doug Stussi Financial Stewardship Award of \$5,000 for the organizations' two-year collaboration on A Very Giving Christmas, a Christmas store that serves 600 families in the Oklahoma City community.

Each year the Doug Stussi Financial Stewardship award is granted by United Way of Central Oklahoma in recognition of a collaborative or innovative initiative, process or program developed or implemented by a not-for-profit that demonstrates excellence in financial stewardship. The award to Sunbeam and Catholic Charities was presented at the United Way of Central Oklahoma's annual Snowflake Gala.

"Knowing Doug Stussi as a consummate person and professional, we are highly honored to be recognized for this creative and impactful collaboration. The goal of both Sunbeam and Catholic Charities is to help change lives for the better and A Very Giving Christmas does just that," said Sunbeam Family Services CEO Jim Priest.

Sunbeam and Catholic Charities began its A Very Giving Christmas partnership in 2015. Clients from both organizations are given the opportunity to shop for their families in St. Nick's Shoppe, which is stocked with more than 7,000 items that are donated. The store is operated by more than 300 volunteers.

"Sunbeam Family Services and Catholic Charities put their heads together and came up with a new approach to a Christmas good deed. What they accomplished was making a lot of folks happy by maximizing agency staff, volunteers and financial resources," said award founder Doug Stussi.

Sunbeam and Catholic Charities will use the cash award to help purchase shelving and storage for future years.

About Sunbeam Family Services

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

About Catholic Charities

Founded in 1912, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City serves all regardless of race, religion or national origin through its mission is to provide help and hope in the Catholic

tradition of service. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, with regional service locations in Ardmore, Clinton, Enid, Guymon and Lawton and women's homeless programs in Norman and Midwest City, Catholic Charities serves more than 14,000 Oklahomans annually through more than 15 social service programs. To learn more about Catholic Charities, visit www.ccaokc.org.