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## **Sunbeam Family Services Young Professionals Board Welcomes Five New Members**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – Sunbeam Family Services, one of Oklahoma’s longest-serving nonprofits, is excited to announce the addition of five new members to its Young Professionals Board, the Beacons, for 2017-2018.

The five new members include Braden Wilson, BKD CPA’s & Advisors; Jordan Johnston, Jubilee Partners; Jenefar DeLeon, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce; Lynde Gleason, Oklahoma Family Counseling Services; and Suzie Loveless, The Giving Initiative.

Braden Wilson is a Senior Tax Associate II at BKD CPA’s & Advisors and is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, with B.S. and M.S. degrees in accounting. Wilson is also a Senior Tax Associate, member of the American Institute of CPA’s and Oklahoma Society of CPAs, and a United Way Volunteer.

Jordan Johnston serves as Program Coordinator and Teacher for Jubilee Partners, a local non-profit which serves Urban OKC youth who are “at-risk”. She received her Bachelors of Liberal Arts & Science degree from Southwestern Christian University and worked overseas with an international private school, NOVA.

Jenefar DeLeon is the Event Manager for the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and earned her Master’s Degree from Oklahoma City University. She is a member of Leadership Oklahoma City LOYAL Class X and part of the Children’s Hospital Foundation’s young professional board.

Lynde Gleason is a community based Mental Health Counselor for Northcare. Gleason works with families who have involvement with OKDHS, providing case management and parenting education. Gleason has her Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and Master’s Degree in Community Resources.

Also with experience in the nonprofit arena, Suzie is an Executive Administrative Assistant for the Giving Initiative and is completing her graduate degree from the University of Oklahoma.

“Our newest board members are proven leaders in their early professional careers who are mission driven to help our most vulnerable citizens,” said Jim Priest, CEO of Sunbeam Family Services. “They bring diverse talents and backgrounds which will strengthen our highly-engaged Young Professionals board.”

Sunbeam’s Young Professionals Board, the Beacons, was launched out of Leadership Oklahoma’s City Linking Oklahoma City’s Young Adult Leaders (LOYAL) class. As a group, eight LOYAL class members chose Sunbeam Family Services as its LOYAL Action Project, a community project submitted by a local non-profit that gives participants hands-on opportunities to work directly with an organization.

Beacons Board members are advocates of Sunbeam throughout the community, helping to recruit volunteers and donors and to provide valuable feedback to help Sunbeam move forward with its mission. Board members have the opportunity to develop skills that they may not have had the opportunity to develop at their job while utilizing other talents, build a professional network from a diverse array of backgrounds, and learn what it means to provide people of all ages with help, hope and the opportunity to succeed through Sunbeam Family Services.

### About Sunbeam Family Services

Founded in 1907, Sunbeam Family Services is one of Oklahoma’s longest serving nonprofits, providing help, hope and the opportunity to succeed to people of all ages and all stages of life in central Oklahoma through early childhood, counseling, foster care and senior services. To learn more, visit [www.sunbeamfamilyservices.org](http://www.sunbeamfamilyservices.org) or follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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