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A Very Giving Christmas Provided Joy and Toys to 500 Families
More than 7,000 Gifts Distributed to Make the Season Bright

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Through A Very Giving Christmas, Sunbeam Family Services and Catholic Charities Oklahoma City once again joined forces to bring 500 families a very merry Christmas. From December 12 through 15, families served by the nonprofits enjoyed cookies and hot cocoa while shopping for gifts in St. Nick’s Shoppe.

“This partnership is helping so many of our Oklahoma neighbors who otherwise would have nothing to put under the tree,” said Jim Priest, chief executive officer of Sunbeam. “Moms like Sarah. Even though Sarah is a hardworking single mom, she would not be able to provide gifts for her children without this program.”

A Very Giving Christmas is made possible thanks to support from the community and sponsors.

“This program is about more than toys or gifts,” said Patrick Raglow, executive director of Catholic Charities. “It’s about community and relationship, a recognition that we’re on this journey together, whether client, staff, donor or volunteer. Everyone that experiences A Very Giving Christmas leaves with shared joy.”

In addition to stocking St. Nick’s Shoppe, volunteer elves spread cheer by helping guests shop for their families and wrapping gifts. Volunteer groups included: Arvest Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma, Chesapeake Energy, Enable Midstream, First National Bank of Oklahoma and Love’s Travel Stops.

It’s not too late to support A Very Giving Christmas. For more information on making a financial donation visit AVeryGivingChristmas.org.

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About Sunbeam Family Services

Sunbeam helps children, families and seniors learn, grow, heal and thrive. 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, call 405-528-7721, visit sunbeamfamilyservices.org, or follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Guided by Catholic teaching, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City serves those in need, regardless of their faith, through transformative, empowering and dignity-affirming social service programs that seek to eliminate material, emotional and spiritual poverty across Central and Western Oklahoma. To learn more, call 405-523-3000, visit ccaokc.org, or follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.