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Community Leaders Jennie and Ric Penner Named Aspire Award Recipients
Award to be Presented at Sunbeam Family Services' Shine a Light Gala May 2

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Sunbeam Family Services has named Jennie and Ric Penner as its 2019 Aspire Award recipients. The Aspire Award is presented annually by Sunbeam to Oklahomans who have made significant contributions to support the nonprofit's mission of providing people of all ages with help, hope, and the opportunity to succeed through Early Childhood, Foster Care, Counseling and Senior Services programs.

“Jennie has been a member and past president of the Friends of Sunbeam, the nonprofit's auxiliary volunteer group, and has served as liaison to the Emerson Alternative High school's Childcare facility,” said Jim Priest, chief executive officer of Sunbeam. “Each year, Ric plays the role of Easter Bunny at our annual Foster Care Easter Party. Jennie and Ric are generous donors, volunteers and advocates for Sunbeam. They are truly an inspiration.”

Previous Aspire Award winners include: Ray Bitsche, Patrick and Barbara Hill, Ray and Pat Potts and Sandy Trudgeon.

Winners of the Aspire Award are selected by a committee based on their level of service to Sunbeam in support of the nonprofit's mission. The Aspire Award will be presented at the 2019 Shine a Light fundraising gala May 2 at the Downtown Embassy Suites.

“At the annual Shine a Light gala, we will celebrate accomplishments of the past and cast vision for the future of Sunbeam Family Services while shining a light on how the community can help Sunbeam serve Oklahoma's vulnerable children, families and seniors,” said Priest.

Tickets for Shine a Light start at \$150. Event and table sponsorships are also available. For more information, or to purchase a sponsorship or tickets, visit ShineALight.org or call 405-609-8994.

Shine A Light supports Sunbeam's programs to help children, families and seniors learn, grow, heal and thrive. Sunbeam's mission is to provide people of all ages with help, hope, and the opportunity to succeed through Early Childhood, Foster Care, Counseling and Senior Services.

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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.