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Providing Joy and Toys for Foster Girls and Boys ***Firefighters, Freedom Riders Host Holiday Parties for Foster Families***

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Through its Foster Care program, Sunbeam Family Services works with families across Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Logan, McClain and Oklahoma counties to provide safe homes for children. Two Oklahoma City groups are stepping up this holiday season to spread holiday cheer to Sunbeam’s foster families and children.

On Dec. 13, Oklahoma City Fire Station 5C celebrated 27 foster children with their families with burgers, hotdogs and chicken nuggets along with moon bounces and holiday gifts. The station has been partnering with Sunbeam for over 13 years to bring joy and toys to Sunbeam’s foster families.

“This event is something that I look forward to every year,” said Major Clint Greenwood. “I have been fortunate to be a part of this since its inception.”

The Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club also hosted a holiday party for foster families. The club has been in the giving spirit for 12 years.

“This is one of our favorite events of the year!” said Stan Moss, member of the OKC Freedom Riders.

“Through our Christmas for Kids poker run, our members raise money and buy presents for the kids. We love seeing their faces when they open their gifts from Santa. We feel very blessed to be partners with Sunbeam during this time of the year. We believe no child deserves to wake up on Christmas morning without presents”

In Oklahoma alone, more than 8,190 children are in state custody and in need of a loving home. Sunbeam’s Foster Care program serves children from birth to 17 years old. Sunbeam has served Oklahoma’s children in foster care and their families for more than 100 years. Last year, the nonprofit placed 123 children in loving homes.

Foster families are still needed to open their hearts and homes. Foster parents must be at least 21 years old and can be single or married. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, or to support Sunbeam’s Foster Care program, visit sunbeamfamilyservices.org/fostercare.

This holiday season, Sunbeam Family Services is asking the community to join them in raising \$87,000 to help children, families and seniors learn, grow, heal and thrive. The nonprofit’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. For more information, visit sunbeamfamilyservices.org or call 405-609-8994.

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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.