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Sunbeam Family Services Receives \$5,000 Grant from UnitedHealthcare Supports Sunbeam’s Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Sunbeam Family Services received a \$5,000 grant from UnitedHealthcare in support of Sunbeam’s “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren” program. This grant will provide 100 scholarships to grandfamilies at Camp Shiloh this summer.

Oklahoma is one of the top states in the nation for grandparents raising their grandchildren due to the state’s high incarceration rate. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren supports Oklahomans raising their grandchildren without the presence of parents in the home. The majority of grandfamilies receive no support from the biological parents or the state. This program is open to grandparents living in Oklahoma, Cleveland, Canadian and Logan counties.

“UnitedHealthcare is grateful for the opportunity to support Sunbeam’s Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program and Camp Shiloh. This grant will help provide a fun and safe summer experience for participating children, and an important and well-deserved break for their grandparents,” said Chris Abbott, CEO of UnitedHealthcare Medicare & Retirement in Oklahoma. “Grandparents who raise their grandchildren provide an invaluable service to their families and communities. We hope grandparents will take advantage of the time kids spend at camp to focus on their own health and well-being.”

UnitedHealthcare Medicare & Retirement is the largest business dedicated to the health and well-being needs of Medicare beneficiaries, more than 120,000 of whom live in Oklahoma.

“Camp Shiloh is a ‘week of camp fun’, allowing many of our grandchildren to benefit from leadership programming,” said Patrick O’Kane, director of Senior Services at Sunbeam. “Attending camp is a luxury not in the budget for our grandfamilies. In addition to the grandchildren enjoying this special experience, grandparents have the opportunity to focus on their own self-care, something that is usually overlooked.”

Sunbeam’s Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program serves nearly 300 grandfamilies and more than 600 grandchildren. For more information about Sunbeam’s Senior Services, call 405-609-6551 or visit sunbeamfamilyservices.org/GRG.

This holiday season, Sunbeam 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.