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**Friends of Sunbeam Hosts Membership Drive March 12**  
***Auxiliary Volunteer Group Supports Sunbeam's Mission***

**(OKLAHOMA CITY)** – Friends of Sunbeam, Sunbeam Family Services' volunteer auxiliary group, is hosting a membership drive March 12 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sunbeam Family Services, located at 1100 N.W. 14th St. in Oklahoma City. This come-and-go event is hosted by Friends of Sunbeam and will feature opportunities for potential members to learn about Sunbeam, and how the group supports its mission.

"I've worked with Friends of Sunbeam for more than 10 years and it is very rewarding," said Karen Mobly, president of Friends of Sunbeam. "Friends help support all of Sunbeam's programs. Recently, we've been very involved with the Emergency Senior Shelter. The senior clients are so grateful for the help given to them during a very vulnerable time in their lives. To see a smile back on some of the residents face just melts your heart. This volunteer group has been a blessing in my life knowing Friends helps make a difference."

Friends of Sunbeam provide valuable volunteer, in-kind and financial support to Sunbeam's programs. The group helps makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of Sunbeam clients year after year. Friends of Sunbeam responsibilities and engagement opportunities include:

- Creating seasonal parties for residents of the Senior Emergency Senior Shelter
- Supporting graduating teen mothers at Emerson Alternative High School
- Providing childcare for children in Foster Care during in-service events
- Taking part in the annual Senior Companion recognition luncheon
- Mentoring young children through the Reading Buddy Program at Educare Oklahoma City
- Volunteering for "A Very Giving Christmas"
- Promoting literacy through the annual Book Fair at Educare Oklahoma City

Friends of Sunbeam members include: Karen Mobly, president; Diana Harden, vice president; Jennie Penner, secretary; Linda Burns, treasurer; Carolyn Bean; Phyllis Brawley; Linda Burns; Peggy Burris; Bernest Cain; Dona Canterbury; Carolyn Caudill; Steve Grigsby; Candy Herrald; Barbara Hill; Caitlin Hinman; Evelyn McCoy; Shirley Perkins; Rampriya Ramkumar; Becky Roten; Joane Schmidt; Jeanne Shaughnessy; Phyllis Strong; and Leslie Woolery.

For more information on Friends of Sunbeam, contact [friends@sunbeamfamilyservices.org](mailto:friends@sunbeamfamilyservices.org) or call Karen Mobly at 405.640.2037.

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 programs. Each year, Sunbeam provides wraparound services to nearly 15,000 central Oklahomans to break the cycle of generational poverty and help them learn, grow, heal, and thrive.

Through March 31, Sunbeam is asking the community to join them in "giving hope and restoring dignity" for Oklahoma's homeless seniors through raising \$65,000 to fund Sunbeam's Emergency Senior Shelter, the only homeless shelter for seniors in the state. Last year alone, 99 homeless seniors aged 60 and older sought safety in the Emergency Senior Shelter, many of whom were without a family support system and had a limited monthly income. For more information, visit [sunbeamfamilyservices.org/dignity](http://sunbeamfamilyservices.org/dignity) or call 405-609-8994.

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#### 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, call 405.528.7721, visit [sunbeamfamilyservices.org](http://sunbeamfamilyservices.org), or follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.