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Senators Mary Boren, Carri Hicks and Julia Kirt Tour Educare Oklahoma City

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Recently, Senators Mary Boren, Carri Hicks and Julia Kirt took a tour of Educare Oklahoma City, a program of Sunbeam Family Services.

“Educare has an incredible model to serve our community and vulnerable families,” said Senator Hicks. “The high quality programming and warm spirit is extraordinary at meeting people where they are and putting them on sound footing for the future.”

Children who attend Educare OKC develop strong social skills, including self-confidence and emerge better prepared for kindergarten. The state-of-the-art school provides early childhood education and ignites a love of learning in children birth to five years old. The school nurtures early learning and closes the achievement gap of children who are in families facing obstacles to success. Educare OKC builds partnerships with families, coming alongside them to help with goal-setting and accessing community resources.

“We want to thank Senators Boren, Hicks and Kirt for learning more about Educare OKC and Sunbeam's Early Childhood Program,” said Jim Priest, chief executive officer. “Sunbeam is a leader in early childhood education, preparing children and their families, prenatal to five, to enter kindergarten with the skills necessary to be ready for school and life.”

For more information visit okceducare.org or call 405.605.8232.

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. Each year between 90–110 homeless seniors aged 60 and older seek safety in the Emergency Senior Shelter, many of whom are without a family support system and have a limited monthly income. For more information, visit 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, or join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.