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**Tickets Available for 5th Annual Shine A Light Gala**

**(OKLAHOMA CITY)** – Tickets are on sale now for the 5th annual Shine a Light Gala which will take place on Thursday, May 2 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Downtown Embassy Suites. The evening will feature a delicious dinner, tasty drinks, incredible raffle items, silent auction items and more. Proceeds from the event benefit Sunbeam Family Services to support the nonprofit’s mission.

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

“Sunbeam’s programs are dramatically changing the direction of the most vulnerable in our community,” said Sunbeam CEO Jim Priest. “On May 2, we will *shine a light* on how the work of Sunbeam and support of our donors come together to encourage, equip and provide hope throughout Central Oklahoma.”

At the gala, Sunbeam will recognize 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. Previous Aspire Award winners include: Ray Bitsche, Patrick and Barbara Hill, Ray and Pat Potts and Sandy Trudgeon.

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 [ShineALightOKC.org](http://ShineALightOKC.org) or call 405-609-8994.

Shine A Light sponsors include: Radiant Sponsor: The Inasmuch Foundation; Brilliant Sponsors: Arnall Family Foundation, Express Employment Professionals, James D. Bennett, McLaughlin Family Foundation, Mercedes-Benz of Oklahoma city, Nedra Funk, Oklahoma Gas & Electric, Penner Foundation, Trust Company of Oklahoma; Shimmer Sponsors: American Fidelity Foundation, BancFirst, Barbara and Patrick Hill, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Bob Burke, Caption Partners, Cresap Family Foundation, Crowe & Dunlevy Foundation, David and Jean McLaughlin, Griffin Communications, HoganTaylor, HSPG & Associates, John and Kate Spaid, Mark Potts, MidFirstBank, Paycom, Phyllis and Roger Stong, Randy Thurman, The Ann Lacy Foundation, Tony Welch, Total Environment and TriCorps.

This year, Sue Ann Arnall, president of the Arnall Family Foundation, is the gala chair. This event is also made possible by the Shine A Light Planning Committee: Erin Brewer, Tiffany Cooper, Angie Doss, Lindsay Laird, Sarah Roberts, Jeanette Stanton, Phyllis Stong and Becky Taylor.

Through March 31, Sunbeam is asking the community to join them in “giving hope and restoring dignity” for Oklahoma’s seniors who are homeless through raising \$65,000 to fund Sunbeam’s Emergency Senior Shelter. Thanks to Randy Thurman CPA, CFP, donations will be matched up to \$5,000. 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 and is one of the original United Way of Central Oklahoma Community partners. Sunbeam’s mission is to provide 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 join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.