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Cox Conserves Partners with Sunbeam Family Services to Build Butterfly Waystation for Sunbeam's Emergency Senior Shelter

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – As part of Team Cox Volunteer month, volunteers from Cox Communications built a butterfly waystation for residents of Sunbeam Family Services' Emergency Senior Shelter. Monarch Waystations provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Establishing a waystation helps to support the monarch butterflies' migration patterns. As part of their lifecycle, monarchs migrate south across North America annually; however, due to the loss of natural habitat, their journey has become harder and their numbers are dwindling.

"Our employees were excited to build the Butterfly Garden for Sunbeam Family Services as part of our Cox Conserves efforts and Team Cox Volunteer Month," said Kristin Peck, vice president of Cox Public Affairs. "We believe the Butterfly Garden is a great addition for the residents of the Emergency Senior Shelter to enjoy. Sunbeam does exceptional work in our community, and we are thrilled to partner with them on this project that will not only benefit their clients but will also have a positive impact on our environment."

In the Oklahoma City metro-area, 260 seniors age 55 and older are homeless. Sunbeam works to end senior homelessness, give hope and restore dignity through its Emergency Senior Shelter, the state's only shelter equipped to assist homeless seniors.

Last fiscal year, 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. The shelter is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is supported by therapists from Sunbeam's Counseling program.

During their stay, residents receive home-cooked meals, a warm bed and weekly laundry services along with comprehensive case management, including an individualized plan developed to support them in their path toward permanency. The efforts of the Emergency Senior Shelter have resulted in a 94 percent success rate in homeless seniors finding a permanent place to call home.

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. Last year, nearly 15,000 Oklahomans benefited from Sunbeam's services. To learn more about the Emergency Senior Shelter call 405-528-7721 or visit sunbeamfamilyservices.org.

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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, or join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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