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Fifth Annual Shine a Light Gala Raised \$230,000 net for Sunbeam

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – On May 2, the fifth annual Shine a Light Gala raised a record-breaking \$230,000 net for Sunbeam Family Services. The gala, which was chaired by Sue Ann Arnall, president of Arnall Family Foundation, shined a light on the growing needs across central Oklahoma – and how to light the way.

“We are honored to work with numerous leaders whose philanthropic efforts strengthen our community,” said Arnall. “This gala simply would not be possible without the generous support from our sponsors, guests and event committee. I’d also like to thank Kimray, Mercedes-Benz of Oklahoma City and Todd and Heather Bondy for joining Arnall Family Foundation in matching all donations made during the final ask – dollar for dollar – to light the way!”

The Masters of Ceremony for the evening were Rachel and Mayor David Holt. Speakers also included: Cindy Fairchild, executive vice president of Express Employment Professionals and Sunbeam board member; Sue Ann Arnall; Robert Ruiz, president of Scissortail Community Development Corporation and Sunbeam board president; Bob Ross, president, CEO and board member of Inasmuch Foundation; and Mike Turpen, partner at Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis. The gala was attended by city council members James Cooper and JoBeth Hamon.

Each year, Sunbeam recognizes honorees with the Aspire Award, an honor bestowed upon community change-makers who have made a significant difference in the lives of children, families and seniors. During the evening, Sunbeam recognized Jennie and Ric Penner as its 2019 Aspire Award recipients for their tireless support of Sunbeam’s mission.

“Through their tireless support of Sunbeam’s programs, Jennie and Ric are a hands-on mission statement for the nonprofit,” said Patrick O’Kane, director of Senior Services at Sunbeam. “When asked to help meet the needs of the organization, they jump into action to spread the word through their personal networks. They go above and beyond to ensure the needs of Sunbeam’s clients are met.”

Shine a Light sponsors include: Radiant Sponsor Inasmuch Foundation; Brilliant Sponsors: Arnall Family Foundation, The Chickasaw Nation, Express Employment Professionals, James D. Bennett, McLaughlin Family Foundation, Mercedes-Benz of Oklahoma City, Nedra Funk, OGE Energy Corp., Penner Foundation and Trust Company of Oklahoma.

For 112 years, Sunbeam has been a vital support to individuals and families across Central Oklahoma. 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. To learn more about Sunbeam 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.