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**Help Children Thrive**  
***Donations Matched Through Aug. 31***

**(OKLAHOMA CITY)** – Sunbeam Family Services invites the community to join them in reaching their goal of raising \$30,000 to help children learn, grow, heal and thrive. Thanks to Sunbeam's "Helping Children Thrive Match", which is made possible by Tall Oak Midstream, donations will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000 through Aug. 31.

"We live in the land of opportunity, yet many of our neighbors are far from living the American Dream. Children in DHS custody are dreaming of safe, loving homes," said Angie Doss, chief external relations officer at Sunbeam. "Parents living in poverty are dreaming of a better life for their children. Grandchildren being raised by their grandparents are dreaming of a new life with their loved ones. With your partnership, all of these dreams are possible."

Everyone deserves a fair chance to achieve their dreams. For over 112 years, Sunbeam Family Services has been at the forefront of helping children learn, grow, thrive – and dream big. By partnering together with the community, we can transform dreams into realities for children and their families.

In Oklahoma:

- 21 percent of children live in poverty, putting them at risk for school readiness. Through Educare Oklahoma City, and 15 partner child care centers located in Oklahoma City's most impoverished zip codes, Sunbeam prepares children in low-income households to enter school with high-quality Early Head Start and Head Start education programs at no cost to the family of the child.
- 8,000 children are in DHS custody each day. Sunbeam provides safe, stable homes, and loving families to children ages 17 and under.
- 45,383 Grandparents raise their grandchildren. Sunbeam's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program, a sub-program of Caregiver Fundamentals, creates an environment of support for families raising a second generation.

"Please consider making a donation today to help children live the American Dream," said Doss. "Your donation will have twice the impact! With your support, we can help families achieve their dreams through Sunbeam's programs to help children like Mike thrive."

Mike, a 17 month-old toddler, was placed in foster care at 8 months. He was easily startled by loud sounds and distraught when around police officers. Mike was also developmentally delayed and unable to sleep through the night. Through Sunbeam's Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health services, Mike's caregivers learned to help him feel safe and provide a healthy environment for him. His parents were granted a trial reunification and worked their programs to stay sober and healthy. Mike now sleeps through the night and even waves at police officers. He is developmentally on track and thriving in the classroom at one of Sunbeam's early learning centers.

Join the movement to help children grow, heal, learn and thrive. To make a donation visit [SunbeamFamilyServices.org/thrive](http://SunbeamFamilyServices.org/thrive) or call 405-609-8994.

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 alone, nearly 15,000 Oklahomans benefited from Sunbeam's services.

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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 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.