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[Download a photo of Vasiliki and Nikephoros Argeroplos presenting the donation](#)

Okay To Play Donation Benefits Sunbeam's Foster Care Program

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Recently, Okay to Play donated over 20 toys, car seats, and hygiene items to bring joy to children in Sunbeam's Foster Care program.

Okay to Play is an organization that encourages children to play. The nonprofit raises funds by collecting and recycling donated used electronics, and then uses those funds to purchase toys and other essential items for children in foster care. Organizations like Okay to Play provide much-needed help for the Foster Care program at Sunbeam by hosting item drives from the [Foster Care wish list](#).

"Children who enter foster care often do so with nothing – not even hygiene items or school supplies," said Midge Woodard, director of Foster Care at Sunbeam Family Services. "Generous donations from the community and groups like Okay to Play provide children and families in foster care the resources they so desperately need."

Nearly 8,000 children are in DHS custody throughout Oklahoma and have entered the foster system due to severe neglect, abuse or a parent's incarceration or death. Children deserve safe, loving homes where they can grow and thrive.

Caring individuals and families make a difference in the lives of children in Central Oklahoma who need stability, guidance and community. Through the Foster Care program, Sunbeam works with families in Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Kingfisher, Lincoln, Logan, McClain and Oklahoma counties.

Sunbeam provides safe, stable homes and loving families to children ages 17 and under. After recruiting and training new foster parents, Sunbeam's Foster Care program provides ongoing support, case management, and access to our wraparound services to ensure long-term success. Sunbeam's Counseling services are available to support foster parents and children. Additionally, children in foster care have priority placement in Sunbeam's Early Childhood learning centers.

Sunbeam is in need of 15 more foster families. Foster parents must be at least 21 years old and can be single or married. The nonprofit also works to certify families interested in providing care to siblings groups of two or more. Sibling relationships are emotionally powerful and critically important not only in childhood, but over the course of a lifetime.

Another great way to support foster care is by donating items that children and their foster parents need most. These items can be found on Sunbeam's Foster Care Wish List, and donations are always needed. To make a financial or in-kind donation, or to host an item drive at your organization, contact Sarah England, Grants and Donor Services Manager, at 405-609-8994 or email sengland@sunbeamfamilyservices.org.

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, or to support Sunbeam Foster Families, visit sunbeamfamilyservices.org/fostercare or contact Simyra Cooper at 405-609-8931 or scooper@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.

About Okay To Play

Okay To Play is an organization that encourages children in foster care to play! Play allows children to learn skills that they cannot in a classroom setting. Okay To Play collects and recycles donated used electronics, including computers, PDA's, and cell phones. With the funds from recycling, Okay To Play purchases toys and children's wish-list items, such as soccer balls, basketball hoops, and even playgrounds! Founded by Vasiliki and Nikephoros Argeroplos when they were ages 11 and 15, respectively, Okay to Play is a family organization. It began in a small conference room with six people, and now has locations in Maryland, Ohio, New Jersey, and New York, and has brought toys to orphaned children in Greece and Afghanistan as well. Okay To Play is a registered 501(c)(3), created solely to make children happier.