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Grandparents Day is Sept. 8
***Sunbeam Continues to Provide Supportive Services
to Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren***

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Sunday, Sept. 8 is Grandparents Day. Year-round, Sunbeam Family Services provides supportive, compassionate services to help grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

“If you are 55 or older, raising your grandchild(ren) in the absence of the parent(s), and living in Oklahoma, Cleveland, Canadian, or Logan counties, please contact us so we may assist you,” said Talena Ford, caregiver fundamentals program manager.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) program assists grandparents living in Oklahoma, Cleveland, Canadian, or Logan Counties. Services include:

- **Holiday Program** – Sunbeam partners with local law enforcement and TRIAD volunteers to make their holiday memorable. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren are special guests at the Holiday Party where gifts are presented to the grandchildren by Santa! Applications are available beginning in **October** each year and can be found at www.sunbeamfamilyservices.org/grg.
- **Resources** — Grandfamilies are connected with their most-needed resources, like groceries and clothing.
- **Support Groups** – GRG support groups are inviting, confidential groups where grandparents can talk and listen to other GRGs while learning about resources. A free meal and childcare is provided for the families (unless noted). RSVPs are required to attend. Facilities used for GRG support groups are ADA compliant.

For more information about the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program visit sunbeamfamilyservices.org/seniorservices, email tford@sunbeamfamilyservices.org or call 405-609-6551. Please note that documentation is required to participate in this program.

Sunbeam’s Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program is just one of the many programs that helps Oklahoma children when they need it the most. Through Foster Care, Sunbeam provides safe, stable homes, and loving families to children ages 17 and under. Through Sunbeam’s Early Childhood Services, the nonprofit 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. Caring and compassionate counseling services help children heal and thrive.

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

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program, a program of Sunbeam's Caregiver Fundamentals Program, makes no distinctions on the grounds of race, color, gender, age, ancestry, national origin, religion, or disability. A portion of the project costs are met by state and federal OAA funds from Areawide Aging Agency and OKDHS Aging Services Division. There are no costs to participants; however, donations are accepted. Suggested donation per services: Information Services, \$1/activity; Access Assistance, \$1/activity; Support Group, \$2.50/meeting; Respite, \$2.50/visit; School Supplies, \$5/family; and Training Seminars, \$5/seminar.