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**Help Sunbeam Celebrate Families this Holiday Season**

**(OKLAHOMA CITY)** – Sunbeam Family Services is asking the community to join them in making the holiday season brighter for families whose children attend the nonprofit’s early learning centers. In partnership with the community, Sunbeam’s “Season of Joy”, will celebrate 150 families this holiday season by providing joy, toys and household items.

Through this program, parents provide Sunbeam with a wish list for their family. Donors across the community have the opportunity to “sponsor” a family and shop for the wish list items for the children they are paired with. Sponsors are asked to deliver unwrapped wish list items to Sunbeam Family Services, located at 1100 N.W. 14<sup>th</sup> St. in Oklahoma City, by Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. Gifts and wrapping supplies will then be distributed to sponsored families to take home to celebrate the holiday season.

To sign up to sponsor a family through Sunbeam’s “Season of Joy”, or for more information, visit [SunbeamFamilyServices.org/joy](http://SunbeamFamilyServices.org/joy) or contact Sarah England at [sengland@sunbeamfamilyservices.org](mailto:sengland@sunbeamfamilyservices.org) or 405-609-8994.

In addition to families served through Sunbeam’s Early Childhood program, the nonprofit will also continue to serve foster families and grandfamilies this holiday season. Foster families are provided holiday assistance through partnerships with Oklahoma City Fire Station 5C and The Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club.

Through the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Holiday Program, Sunbeam’s grandfamilies will be receive holiday help through a generous partnership with the Oklahoma City Police Department, the Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office, TRIAD, and the Oklahoma Recyclers Association.

“If you are a grandparent 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 that we may assist you,” said Talena Ford, Sunbeam’s Grandparents Raising Grandchildren coordinator.

For more information, visit [SunbeamFamilyServices.org/GRG](http://SunbeamFamilyServices.org/GRG) or contact Talena Ford at 405-609-6551 or [tford@sunbeamfamilyservices.org](mailto:tford@sunbeamfamilyservices.org).

Established in 1907, Sunbeam is Oklahoma’s longest-serving social service agency. Each year, Sunbeam helps nearly 15,000 Central Oklahomans with life-changing services through our robust Early Childhood Education program, long-standing Foster Care program, compassionate Counseling program, and multifaceted Senior Services program.

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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](http://sunbeamfamilyservices.org), or join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

About AreaWide Aging Agency:

Since 1973, Areawide Aging Agency has been the principal developer, coordinator and provider of services which meet the needs and advance the dignity, independence, and quality of life of senior adults in central Oklahoma. Areawide Aging Agency is dedicated to advancing the dignity and independence of older adults in our community. Areawide assess the needs of seniors, coordinates programs such as congregate and home delivered meals, transportation, and respite care for caregivers.

Provided by Sunbeam Family Services through a Title III Older Americans Act Grant from Areawide Aging Agency and community partners. The Caregiver Fundamentals Program makes no distinction 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 Older Americans Act funds from Areawide Aging Agency and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services 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 Seminar, \$5/seminar.