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**Jersey Mike's "Cookies for Kids" Kicks Off Oct. 1**  
***Benefits Sunbeam Family Services' Foster Care Program***

**(OKLAHOMA CITY)** – Today, Jersey Mike's kicked off its month-long "Cookies for Kids" promotion. During October, Oklahoma City metro-area. Norman and Stillwater Jersey Mike's locations will be donating 100 percent of cookie sales to Sunbeam Family Services' Foster Care program.

"At Jersey Mike's we are committed to having a positive impact in our communities," said Charlie Brown, franchisee and area director of Jersey Mike's. "Children are the building blocks of our future and this is a small way we can help. Please come by any of our stores this October, have a great meal and buy a cookie for kids. It's really good and every penny you spend on it will help a foster child."

Sunbeam's Foster Care program works to improve children's safety, well-being and permanency from birth to 18. While the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) works with biological parents on a pathway to reunification, Sunbeam provides ongoing support to foster families through 24/7 case management, training and connection to resources.

"We are grateful for Jersey Mike's partnership in helping children in foster care," said Sunbeam CEO Sarah Rahhal, LCSW. "Sunbeam welcomes all families, and there is a critical need for foster families in our community. 'Cookies for Kids' will both raise awareness about this need, as well as financial donations to help meet the need."

Sunbeam recruits and trains new foster parents year-round. The nonprofit provides temporary care and supportive services in a home environment for children in Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Kingfisher, Lincoln, Logan, McClain and Oklahoma counties. Throughout the placement, Sunbeam staff monitors in-home stability, attends court hearings and ensures the overall success of the child in foster care.

According to OKDHS, nearly 7,800 children are in DHS in custody. OKDHS estimates it will need approximately 900 foster homes in 2020 to support children who need safe, loving environments where they can grow and thrive.

For more information about “Cookies for Kids”, or Sunbeam’s Foster Care program, visit [sunbeamfamilyservices.org](http://sunbeamfamilyservices.org) or call (405) 528-7721.

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#### About Sunbeam Family Services

Founded in 1907, Sunbeam Family Services is one of Oklahoma’s longest serving nonprofits. The nonprofit helps children, families and seniors learn, grow and thrive. To learn more, call (405) 528-7721, visit [sunbeamfamilyservices.org](http://sunbeamfamilyservices.org), or join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.