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Jersey Mike's Raises \$14,000 through "Cookies for Kids" Benefits Sunbeam Family Services' Foster Care Program

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – During October, Oklahoma City metro-area, Norman and Stillwater Jersey Mike's locations donated 100 percent of cookie sales to Sunbeam Family Services' Foster Care program. In total, \$14,000 was raised through the "Cookies for Kids" promotion.

"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. "Nearly 7,800 children are in DHS in custody and its estimated there are nearly 900 foster homes needed. Foster parents support children who need safe, loving environments where they can grow and thrive. Thank you for supporting 'Cookies for Kids' and children in foster care."

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 want to thank Jersey Mike's and our community for generously helping children in foster care," said Midge Woodard, director of Foster Care at Sunbeam. "Every child deserves to have a loving family; to live in a home that provides stability and opportunities for growth."

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. The nonprofit is currently recruiting new foster families.

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"Foster parents are everyday people from all walks of life who provide a safe, nurturing home," said Woodard. "With your love and encouragement, you can change the course of a child's life. By opening your home and heart, you may be a child's first experience with an adult who lovingly cares for their needs."

For more information about "Cookies for Kids", or Sunbeam's Foster Care program, visit 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, or join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.