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Circle of Care Launches New Pilot Program "BEYOND" to Support Adoptive Families

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Oklahoma City, OK — Circle of Care, Inc. a faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children and families across Oklahoma, is excited to announce the launch of its new pilot program, *BEYOND*, designed to provide critical post-adoption support for families who have adopted out of the foster care system. The program, which will initially serve families in Oklahoma City and surrounding communities, focuses on connectional and relational support to help families navigate the unique challenges they may face after adoption day.

"Adoption is often viewed as the end of the journey, with celebrations and high-fives in the courtroom, but for these families, it is just the beginning of a new chapter," said Keith Howard, CEO of Circle of Care. "Our *BEYOND* program ensures that families are supported long after the adoption is finalized. Adoptive families still need community, connection, and guidance—and that's where we step in."

BEYOND will engage with families prior to adoption and provide ongoing support every month for the first 12 months post-adoption. The program will offer training, resources, and professional guidance to ensure adoptive families have the tools and connections they need to thrive. Whether families are facing challenges related to their new roles or seeking community connections, *BEYOND* will act as a steady hand during this critical time.

The program's launch has been made possible through the generosity of the Sarkey's Foundation, Paul Milburn Gift Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, and the Dangott Endowment. Funding on hand will support this initiative for 12 to 18 months, with the goal of demonstrating its impact and securing long-term support for the program.

Circle of Care has been a trusted provider of services to children and families in crisis since 1917. With a mission to provide Christian help, healing, and hope, the organization offers a variety of programs across the state, including foster care, transitional living, mentorship, and counseling.

"We believe that by walking alongside adoptive families, we can help them overcome the challenges they may face after adoption and create a stronger, more connected community for everyone," added Shannon Davis, VP of Development at Circle of Care.

For more information about the *BEYOND* program or to learn how you can support Circle of Care's mission, please visit www.circleofcare.org or contact info@circleofcare.org.

About Circle of Care

Circle of Care is an Oklahoma-based nonprofit organization that has been serving children and families in crisis since 1917. Through foster care, transitional living programs, and other support services, Circle of Care provides Christian help, healing, and hope to ensure a safe, healthy, and spiritual future for Oklahoma's most vulnerable populations.