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CAMP TO BELONG INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Camp To Belong is comprised of a dedicated board of directors who govern and guide the organization as it grows throughout the United States and beyond.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Pentheia Burns - Board Chair

Pentheia Burns joined the board of directors of Camp To Belong International in 2008 and is board chair for the organization.

Pentheia works as a policy associate and project director at the University Of Southern Maine Muskie School Of Public Service. She has a master's degree in social work and over 30 years of experience in the child welfare system in Maine. For the past 12 years she has been the director of Maine's Youth Leadership Advisory Team (YLAT), a team of youth leaders in the foster care system. YLAT members have attended and presented at various national conferences, assisted with drafting and revising Department of Human Services policy, participated in positive media coverage about youth in foster care, and testified before the Maine legislature on issues related to child abuse and child welfare. It was through the direct advocacy of YLAT youth leaders that Camp To Belong was established in the state, holding its first season of camp in 2004.

One of the co-founders of Camp To Belong - Maine, Pentheia has been a camp counselor, coordinated media relations, assisted in the development of an evaluation tool, participated in fundraising and served as a member of Maine's sustainability planning team.

She has co-authored several publications about engaging youth as leaders including:

- *YLAT: An Innovative Model for Engaging Youth in Systems Improvement, 2010*
- *2007 CFSR Toolkit for Youth Involvement: Engaging Youth in the Child and Family Services Review, 2007*
- *Partnering with Youth: Involving Youth in Child Welfare Training and Curriculum Development, 2003*

- *Influencing Public Policy in Your State: A Guide for Youth in Care, 2001*

Penthea has been engaged in various other community service activities including running for elected office, volunteering on local political activities, serving on a national board of directors for an endangered dog breed and working with youth in her community.

Carrie Patterson - Vice Chair

Carrie Patterson first experienced Camp To Belong in 2005 when Tim Horton Camp Kentahten hosted the very first Camp To Belong Canada camp session. Since then, Carrie has become intrinsically involved with CTB International, serving as board vice chair and volunteering her expertise on the member camps committee as well as the standards committee.

As Senior Manager, Camp Development for the Tim Horton Children's Foundation she provides leadership to three of their six camps which are located in Kentucky, Ontario and Alberta. She is also helping the THCF develop their 7th camp in Manitoba which will be designed as a leadership camp for 14-17 year olds where they will participate in a 5 year program encouraging them to build confidence, a sense of responsibility and gain an optimistic view of their future. *"Fostering within our youth the quest for a brighter future,"* is the organization's mission which is achieved by providing an unforgettable camp experience at no cost to youth from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Carrie has been with THCF since 2001 in a variety of roles and locations.

Originally from Ontario, Canada, she received an honors degree in business administration from Wilfrid Laurier University located in Waterloo, Ontario. More importantly, Carrie has spent over 15 summers at camp beginning as a camper in 1989 at Camp Ak-o-mak and is aware of the positive impacts that camp can have on us all.

Rebecca Swartz - Treasurer

Rebecca Swartz joined the board of directors of Camp to Belong International in 2007 and serves as treasurer and chair of the finance committee.

Rebecca is a global operations manager at Target Corporation, where she is part of a team responsible for ensuring that Target's products are manufactured ethically and in accordance with local human rights and environmental laws. Prior to joining the Target team in 2006, Rebecca was a manager of human rights at Reebok International, Ltd., where she first connected with CTB International as a volunteer at Camp to Belong - Massachusetts.

Rebecca graduated from the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, earning her MBA with concentrations in supply chain management and sustainability. While in the program, she completed consulting engagements on corporate responsibility challenges for Phillips-Van Heusen, Nike, and the Kenan Institute, and was a summer associate at SustainAbility, an independent consultancy and research firm.

Before business school, Rebecca served as director, research & strategy for HNW, Inc., a marketing solutions firm with responsibilities including leading market research projects and facilitating the delivery of strategic marketing programs to Fortune 500 financial services firms and nonprofit agencies targeting the high-net-worth market segment. Clients included Fidelity Investments, Merrill Lynch, Wilmington Trust, Wachovia and Community Foundations of America. She completed her Bachelor's degree at Oberlin College.

Rebecca currently resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and grew up outside of Boston, Massachusetts. Her interests include literature, cooking and hiking.

Djuna Acker - Secretary

Djuna Acker joined the Camp To Belong International board in January 2011 and serves as secretary of the executive board and participates on the by-laws and fundraising/grants committees.

Djuna is an Information Technology Manager for Walter R. McDonald & Associates, Inc. (WRMA), a company that specializes supporting national, state and local human services agencies to improve outcomes for the children and families. She works on technology projects related to the human services areas, including child welfare, public physical and mental health, child support, and financial assistance. Her most recent projects have been six Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) projects. Her focus is primarily system implementation, including business process reengineering and integration, change management, training development and execution, and rollout planning and deployment.

Djuna received her computer science degree from North Carolina State University in 1987. She began her career at Wake County Information Services in Raleigh, NC, advancing to the position of Information Services Manager for the Department of Human Services. She joined WRMA in 1998 and her current project is with the State of Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Children, Adults, and Families (CAF).

Djuna was born and grew up in North Carolina. After graduating from North Carolina State University, she lived in Raleigh for 15 years. While she maintains a residence in North Carolina, her consulting work takes her to various places to work and live. In the past seven years, Djuna has worked in Wisconsin, Louisiana, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Washington State, Oregon, and Romania. She likes the opportunities that the travel has provided. However, her idea of a vacation is going home and being with her mother and sister in North Carolina.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Connie Hayek - Director

Connie Hayek joined the board of directors of Camp To Belong in 2010 and works on fundraising and grant committees. She became involved with the organization after an enlightening conversation interviewing founder Lynn Price for a BlogTalk Radio program.

Connie has worked in child welfare and human services for over 20 years, beginning her

professional career as a case worker in foster care services with a public agency. Since then, she has held a variety of roles in the child welfare system, including supervision and management in public and private settings, training of case workers and foster/adoptive parents, and providing technical assistance/consultation. Most recently, Connie worked for a national organization focusing on data, research, and best practices in child welfare. She has also been active in a variety of community organizations and currently mentors youth seeking a college education after having aged out of the foster care system.

Connie earned her undergraduate degree at Iowa State University and a graduate degree at Drake University. Her self-proclaimed greatest achievement is effectively disrupting the computer network in the statewide university system, prior to a change in majors from computer science to psychology. In addition to child welfare, her passions include writing (and reading), creating cheesecakes, stunt kite flying, and collecting tech gadgets.

Connie grew up in rural Iowa. She has four brothers, conveniently named alphabetically, reducing the likelihood of confusion about birth order.

David Hogg - Director

As the newest member of the Camp To Belong International board, David Hogg joined the organization in May 2011 and sits on the by-laws committee. A resident of Newcastle, New South Wales he is married to Shirley and has three children Rebecca, Peter and Ben and daughter-in-law, Samantha. David commenced his career in the banking industry before undertaking theological training, becoming an ordained Baptist minister. Within his pastoral roles David has always had a focus on young people, community work and justice issues which lead him to work as a chaplain in the juvenile justice system. These involvements parlayed into broader welfare and community work, especially in supporting people with disabilities and our youth.

David is currently the managing director of Lifestyle Solutions (Australia) Ltd., an organization he founded in 2001 which today has a staff of approximately 1,500. Lifestyle Solutions supports over 700 people in a range of residential and community programs servicing across Australia and into the Asia Pacific Region. The organization partnered with Camp To Belong International in 2009 and runs two member camps annually along with links with IABA in California. Additionally, David is chairman of Christian Youth Activities Ltd. which conducts the annual Blackstump Youth Festival with 5,000 participants and Firstchance Inc. which is an early intervention service for children living with a disability.

David has a diploma in theology (ACT) and a diploma in criminology (Sydney University) and brings to the board a broad range of business and management skills along with an International perspective. His experience in such broad community service organizations along with his implementation of Camp To Belong in Australia will assist our organization in its goals of reaching youth in care globally in order to keep sibling bonds strong.

Heidi Krieger - Director

Heidi Krieger has sat on the CTB International board since 2007 and is currently responsible for the compilation and updating of the CTB operations manual which is used by all member camps. She worked at the University of Southern Maine from 1995-2011 and joined the Muskie School of Public Service in 2002 where she worked with the youth and community engagement team on various child welfare-related projects. Not long after joining the Muskie School, Heidi became immersed in the planning and development of Camp To Belong - Maine.

As the CTB Maine director, she is instrumental in all aspects of the program including camper and counselor recruitment, staff training, programming, fundraising, and evaluation. Heidi recently chose to leave her position with the University to strengthen and expand Camp To Belong Maine by focusing additional efforts on volunteer recruitment, fundraising and developing year-round sibling programming. As the longest-running member camp, under Heidi's direction, CTB Maine is also engaging in a strategic planning process for long-term sustainability and growth.

Heidi received her master's degree in adult education from the University of Southern Maine which led to her 4 year instructor position at USM teaching conditionally-admitted students. Heidi also served on several committees at the University throughout her 16+ years at the University.

In addition to her role with CTB, she also serves as president of her condominium association, is starting a new business and pursues creative endeavors whenever possible.

Troy Pottgen - Director

Troy Pottgen is a pretty good husband, dad of two and Phoenix-based creative director with RIESTER. People trust him. Kids relate to him. He claims—quite erroneously, as his wife's meticulous documentation proved in 2009—to watch 100 movies and read 100 books a year. Between being invisible or fluent in every language, he chooses invisibility. He knows that is far less useful, but that's his choice and he's sticking with it. He once tore his Achilles laughing and often lies for fun. People tell him he could be in politics.

A not-very-recent graduate of the University of Illinois, Troy wishes every person would give time and money to Camp to Belong which, as you know by now, reunites siblings separated in foster and adoptive care. He admits this wish comes from several years of volunteering at CTB camps and two years on the Board's PR and Marketing Committee, so he understands if you "do your own thing." If you ever approach him and say, "Hey Troy, I like monkeys," he'll buy you a coffee.

Since being raised in a safe and sleepy town in the Midwest, Troy has demonstrated a flurry of acute nomadic tendencies, having volunteered with Greater D.C. Cares, Chicago Cares, Hands on Miami, L.A. Works, Make a Difference (Phoenix), Paul Newman's Boggy Creek Camp (Eustis, FL) and Big Brothers Big Sisters (various). He found writing this in third-person incredibly therapeutic but would not elaborate when asked why. He is amazed you are still reading this and thanks you for staying to the end.

Lisa Roughley - Director

Lisa Roughley joined the board of directors of Camp To Belong International in 2009 and chairs the PR and marketing committee for the organization and sits on the fundraising committee.

As president of Roughley Speaking Public Relations, she began her PR career running a five-star family fishing resort in Canada. After receiving a degree in communications, Lisa worked for world-class resorts such as Four Seasons Hotels and later joined the agency side, representing various lifestyle clients. Growing up immersed in all things nature gave Lisa a great appreciation of the outdoors and strengthened her belief that everyone should have the opportunity to experience nature at her finest.

Over the years, Lisa has volunteered her time with various non-profit organizations including Catholic Charities, Nexus, The Terry Fox Run, Florida Keys Children's Shelter and Child Focus.

Lisa and her family reside in Seattle, Washington. She and her husband have two teenage daughters and the family takes great pride in working together to serve their community through volunteer work.

Karyn Schimmels - Director and Past Board Chair

Karyn Corpron Schimmels serves at Camp To Belong International's past board chairman and sits on various committees. In 2000, Karyn volunteered as a counselor at Camp To Belong-Colorado and the experience had a huge impact on her resulting in her dedication to the organization ever since. In 2006, Karyn is the founder of CTB Northwest-Oregon and she was instrumental in bringing the program to the Pacific Northwest as a member camp. In 2009, she helped launch the member camp in the state of Washington. Her dedication to the Board of Directors has made a huge difference to CTB International and its continued growth.

Karyn grew up in Yakima, Washington, as the youngest child of seven. She completed her BA in social work at Washington State University in 1988. Schimmels earned her Master's in Public Administration in 1992 from Lewis and Clark College.

With more than 23 years of child welfare experience, Karyn has dedicated her career to the helping profession. She is an accomplished leader in public welfare for both the state of Oregon and several non-profit organizations in the region. Today she serves as training manager for the Oregon Department of Human Services, child welfare division.

Greg Sommers - Director

Greg Sommers joined the board of directors of Camp to Belong International in 2010 and became a member of the program development and quality standards committee. Greg believes that being connected is one of the greatest human needs, which is why Camp to Belong fits perfectly into the mix of his professional and personal pursuits.

Greg is a team building, training, and facilitation consultant and owns his own business called The Core Project. His programs and workshops are designed to provide teams, students, companies, and organizations with dynamic and insightful experiences that

produce true and lasting success from the inside out. In addition, as the director of Outreach at Idaho Drug Free Youth, Greg designs student leadership programs and works with about 50 schools speaking to over 5000 students every year. His experiential assemblies engage students in interactive activities and discussions that allow students to open up, make positive choices and changes, decrease bullying, and build community within their schools.

Greg first became involved with Camp To Belong - Northwest in the summer of 2005 to provide family groups with team building experiences and quickly learned that he has a lot to learn about the real meaning of connection. Now with a healthy dose of humbleness and respect for the young people CTB serves, he continues to provide team building for CTB Northwest and Washington while also contributing to counselor training and development.

Greg lives in North Idaho with his wife Mollie, and two kids Daisy and Dock. When he's not working on his house or in his shop, he likes to play guitar, hang out with friends, ride his many bikes and date his wife.

Sharon Yandian - Director

Sharon Yandian is a founding member of the board of directors of Camp to Belong International and chairs the nominating and board governance committee and is past vice chairperson. She became involved with the organization, serving as a volunteer counselor at Camp To Belong - Colorado for several camp seasons. During this time, Sharon was instrumental in raising funds to send numerous youth-in-care to camp.

Working in human services her entire career, she began her career in the U.S. Peace Corps in Ecuador where she was a health educator and preschool teacher for two and a half years. Sharon currently works with the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of Head Start where she leads their efforts related to policies and practices for children and families who speak languages other than English. She has also been a long time court appointed special advocate.

Sharon holds a master's in education in curriculum and instruction with a particular focus on multicultural bilingual education and is fluent in Spanish.

She and her husband are parents to two young boys.

STAFF:

Sherry Brock - Executive Director

Sherry Brock came to Camp To Belong in 2007. Having prior experience with a national network, she was the perfect candidate to help grow Camp To Belong. She holds a BA from the University of Arizona as well as Federal Aviation Administration A&P Mechanic and Private Pilot certifications.

Sherry has been in non-profit management over twenty years. As an educator, she started her professional career teaching aviation technology at Pima Community College. It was during her tenure at PCC that Sherry learned of a science and math

program designed to engage middle school children in simulation; Challenger Learning Centers. She began her non-profit career in Washington DC working for Challenger Center for Space Science Education, founded by the families of the Challenger shuttle. In her work with Challenger, Brock worked with communities across the U.S. in fundraising, non-profit governance, compliance with state education standards and leadership.

Sherry lives in Tucson, Arizona in order to be close to her aging parents. She and her husband have three grown children and six grandchildren. Sherry also has two siblings; a younger brother and sister and feels very strongly about the importance of sibling bond thanks to her close-knit family ties making her an avid advocate for Camp To Belong.

ABOUT CAMP TO BELONG:

Camp To Belong (CTB) is an international non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to reuniting siblings who have become separated in foster homes and other out of home care. CTB accomplishes its mission through our association of members who conduct summer camps filled with opportunities for fun, empowerment and sibling connection. Founded by Lynn Price, herself once separated from a sibling in foster care, the organization is in its 18th year and has reunited more than 4,500 brothers and sisters in that time. Supervised by volunteer counselors, siblings experience new things together including horseback riding, rafting, swimming, wall climbing, in addition to signature programs and activities that strengthen the sibling bond.

With eight member camps across the nation—Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Southern California and Washington—plus an international chapter in Australia, the youth who attend spend a life-enhancing week at camp, building bonds to last a lifetime. The long-term goal of Camp To Belong is to develop our network so that member camps are in every U.S. state and throughout the world. To learn more about the specific needs of Camp To Belong and how you can help, please call (888) 7-BELONG.

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