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CAMP TO BELONG FACT SHEET

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FOUNDER: Lynn Price

**ORGANIZATION
EVOLUTION:** Founded in 1995, Camp to Belong (CTB) is entering its 17th year of reuniting siblings placed in separate foster homes and other out of home care for a week-long camp experience.

CURRENT CAMPS: CTB-Australia
CTB-Georgia
CTB-Maine
CTB-Massachusetts
CTB-Nevada
CTB-Northwest (Oregon)
CTB-Washington
CTB-Orange County
CTB-New York

THE CHILDREN: Camp To Belong is about reuniting siblings who may live in the same town, maybe even go to the same school, but live in separate homes. Without CTB, these children may never get the chance to spend significant time together or build lasting friendships and memories.

Camp To Belong has reunited more than 4,500 brothers and sisters since 1995. With nine current member camps, over 700 siblings spend a life-altering week at camp each summer, building memories and bonds to last a lifetime.

About 40% of children attending camp have attended a prior Camp To Belong. Each Camp To Belong has several former campers who participate as Counselors in Training and/or graduate to become counselors themselves.

VOLUNTEERS:

Every summer, Camp To Belong utilizes a small army of counselors to operate camps. In 2011, 299 plus volunteer counselors donated over 52,000 combined hours of their time to Camp To Belong.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

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DONOR INFORMATION:

Camp To Belong is supported through grants, corporate sponsorship and donations from individuals. This support allows the organization to develop and grow with new member camps, training and camp curriculum and scholarships for children to attend camp. The organization raises over \$100,000 annually.

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 approaching its 18th year and has reunited more than 4,500 brothers and sisters in that time. Supervised by volunteer counselors, siblings are given the chance to strengthen their relationships by experiencing new things together, including: horseback riding, rafting, swimming, wall climbing and other summer camp activities.

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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<<http://www.camptobelong.org/>>.

ABOUT FOSTER CARE:

More than 500,000 youth are currently in foster care in the United States, with an estimated 75% separated from at least one sibling when placed in care. Add in youth from other countries also separated by adoption and kinship care, and there are countless brothers and sisters missing their birthright—a sibling connection.

65% - 85% of children entering the foster care system have at least one sibling.

The average length of stay in the foster care system is approximately 32 months.

Only half of children in foster care are returned to their parents.

Each year approximately 18,000 children exit (age out) of the foster care system.

Of the youth exiting care, almost 49% are unemployed, 32% do not finish high school, 32% receive public assistance and 75% do not have or maintain strong sibling connections.

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