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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 19th 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-Colorado
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 7,500 brothers and sisters since 1995. With ten 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 2013, 350 plus volunteer counselors donated over 60,000 combined hours of their time to Camp To Belong, a modest estimate of \$900,000 worth of in-kind gift of time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Senior Manager- Camp Development

Tim Horton Children's Foundation

CTB Executive, CTB 20th Anniversary Celebration

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Group Creative Director

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Teacher

Carrollton-Farmers Branch School District

CTB Executive

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Policy Analyst

University of Southern Maine

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Managing Director

Lifestyle Solutions (Australia) Ltd.

CTB By-Laws Committee

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Principal

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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 in its 19th year and has reunited more than 7,500 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 nine member camps across the nation—Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Southern California and Washington—plus an international chapter in Australia, Camp To Belong invites siblings to spend a life-enhancing week at camp and build 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 write to: CAMP TO BELONG, P.O. Box 1146, Marana, AZ, 85653. We can also be reached at [\(520\) 413-1395](tel:5204131395) and camptobelong.org. We invite you to like us on Facebook at facebook.com/CampToBelong and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/CTB_Intl.

ABOUT FOSTER CARE:

Studies indicate that between 65 and 85 percent of children and youth in foster care have other siblings in the system. Based on data for 2012, those numbers range between 265,500 and 347,000 children and youth. It is estimated that more than half of these children – between 132,750 and 173,500 children and youth nationally -- are separated from at least one sibling (McCormick, 2011). 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.

Average age of youth in care is eight to nine years old.

More than 400,000 youth are currently in foster care in the United States.

The average length of stay in the foster care system is approximately 24 months.

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

One quarter of youth in care will be adopted.

The country is seeing an increase in the number of youth aging out of the system (approximately 18,000).

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.

(Data obtained from the 2012 AFSCARS Report distributed by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services)

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