

S'more Sibling News

This summer brought new lifelong memories for our sibling campers, thanks to CTB's Signature Programs that celebrated birthdays, shared sibling pillows and created scrapbooks. Themes like "Journey," "Oh The Places You'll Go" and "Superheroes" encouraged campers to believe in successful futures with their siblings. Special guests inspired team work, public performances and living with resiliency.

Oh, how far we've come from year one of CTB—with 32 campers at one camp—to this year, which featured almost 700 campers at 10 camps! Ripple... splash... wave... tsunami! With this growth, the press is telling our story more than ever, new community partners are growing in support of our family of Member Camps, and new donors are contributing meaningful funds along with the many who have given since the very beginning. Sibling legislation, family recruitment and best practices continue to inspire new programming ideas that support CTB's mission of sibling connection for developing lifelong bonds, self-confidence and future success. Truly, we are changing the child welfare world for siblings and extending the Power of the Ripple!

As always, thank you for your contributions and support as you prepare for this holiday season with your families. And thank you for being a part of ours!

Lynn Price

Founder & President Emeritus



Lynn Price and Penthea Burns

Why I Give

Camp To Belong needs your support to continue its important work of reuniting brothers and sisters who have been separated by foster care or adoption.

Camp To Belong and its member camps are testaments to the beautiful and contagious power of giving. I am a CTB volunteer, camp counselor, photographer, grant writer, committee member, board member, fundraiser and donor. I give because others have helped me and I want to "pay forward" their generosity. I give because my personal "bounty" is much more valuable when it is shared with others. Giving makes my community bigger and gives meaning to my life.

Camp To Belong is founded on a simple, but profound premise—that brothers and sisters who become separated during life's most difficult times need one another. CTB relies on our families, friends and communities to support the work at the national and local level. CTB is sustained by volunteers and donors who believe in the importance of maintaining sibling connections through this amazing camp program and reunion activities.

Your continued support will help CTB to add vital resources for our existing member camps and develop new member camps for brothers and sisters in states currently not served. Won't you pause right now and give to Camp To Belong? It will make a difference to hundreds of siblings in care.

To all of our wonderful CTB supporters, I thank you and am grateful to stand side by side with you.

Penthea Burns

CTB Board Chair



CAMP TO BELONG TURNS 20!

Hard to believe but in 2015, Camp To Belong will celebrate 20 years of serving siblings. We plan to kick off our celebration year where it all began—LAS VEGAS! For our long-time family members, counselors, donors and volunteers and those who are new—mark your calendars. **January 16-18, 2015** we will host a Recognition Celebration in Las Vegas to thank all those who have made Camp To Belong possible! More details will follow throughout 2014 as we countdown the days to 2015 . . .



CTB – AUSTRALIA

What do you get when you bring 38 siblings from 16 different sibling groups together? A WEEK OF FUN! CTB-Australia was held at The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens New South Wales. Campers participated in high ropes, climbing, archery and water based activities, as well as Camp To Belong signature activities including: the Birthday party, Scrapbooks and Sibling Pillows. Highlights included a disco for the birthday party and two players from the Newcastle Jets Soccer team, who came out and spent a few hours hanging out and playing soccer with campers.



FUTURE LEADERS

Meet Dee Dee Hartley. Dee Dee first attended Camp To Belong in 2004 as a camper with her sister, Jayden, in Colorado. This year, Dee Dee returned to Camp To Belong as a counselor, serving at TWO camps: Oregon and Colorado! When we asked what the biggest surprise as a counselor was, she replied “all of the work involved behind the scene prior to camp and the constant on-the-go, but it is totally worth it.” Dee Dee was part of the youth in Oregon responsible for getting Sibling Rights Senate Bill 123A passed recently. In addition to reading and horseback riding, Dee Dee finds great pleasure in making beautiful friendship bracelets that she provides for all campers and counselors attending camp.



VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Erin Gray, a certified life guard and swim instructor, served as a counselor at CTB-Maine this last summer, and according to Erin, it is one of the best decisions of her life. Erin got involved with CTB-Maine when a co-worker shared a link on Facebook and was hooked when she read what CTB was all about. For Erin, her commitment to CTB continues year-round as she participates in fundraisers as well as returning every summer to camp to help campers experience the magic of CTB.



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Katie Cawthon has served as a counselor at CTB-Georgia for three years. Katie found CTB through advertising on campus where she recently graduated from University of Georgia in Social Work. She knew this experience was right up her alley since she loves kids and wants to work in the foster care system. For Katie, CTB became more than a just "volunteer opportunity." Meeting the campers and hearing their stories completely changed her life. CTB has made Katie more appreciative of her relationship with her brother and parents, and these kids have touched her heart in ways she can't express. This January, Katie's adventurous spirit will take her to 11 different countries in 11 months to participate in World Race.



CTB FEATURED ON NBC NIGHTLY NEWS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

This summer Camp To Belong was a feature segment on the **NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams-Making A Difference**. National reporter Kate Snow spent two days on location interviewing several sibling groups as well as participating in many camp activities, including zip lining! This is a great story-if you missed it you can view it at www.camptobelong.org.



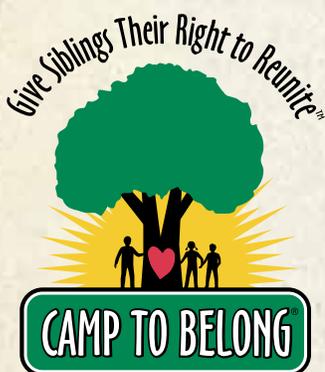
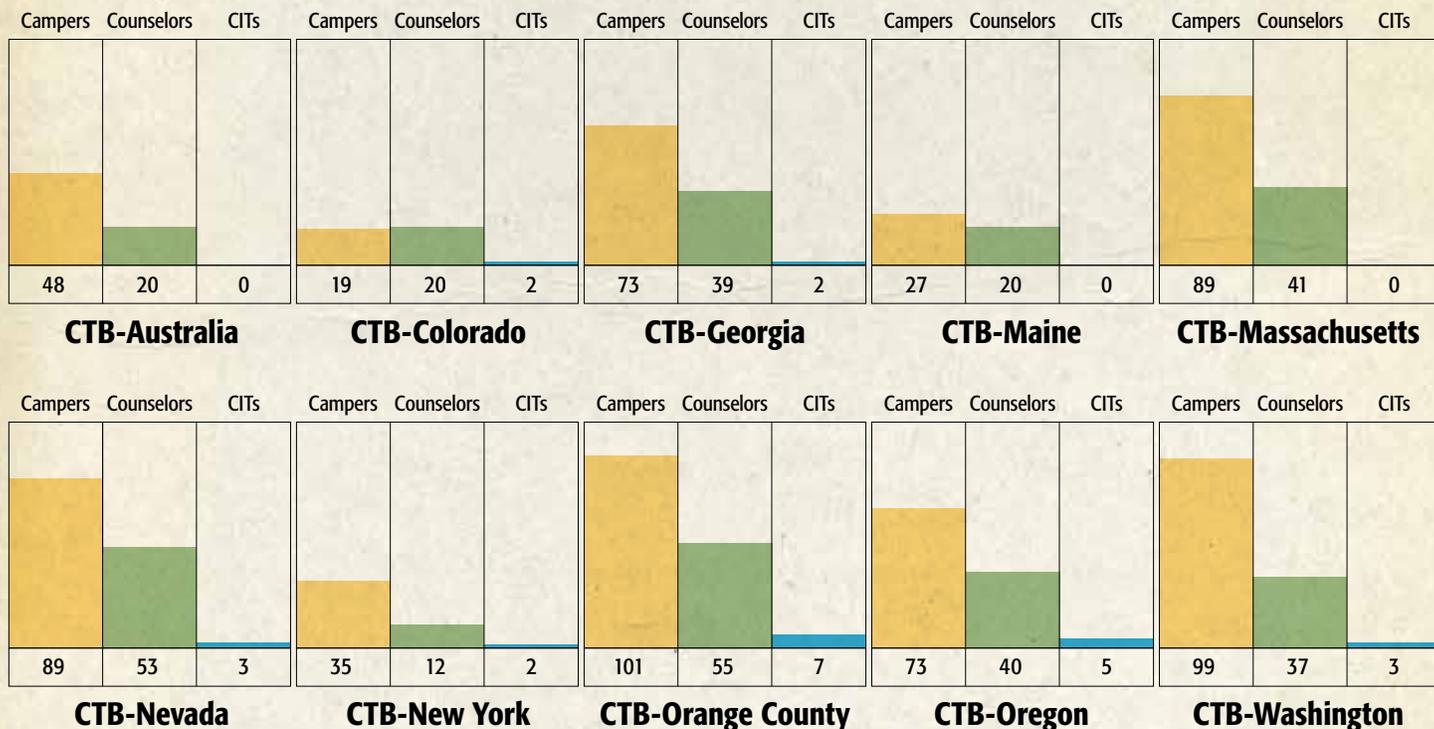
HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

CTB is a nonprofit that raises our funding entirely through private donors, family foundations and grant-making organizations. In addition to direct financial contributions, there are several exciting ways you can help us reunite siblings at our 10-and-growing member camps:

- 1) Holiday shop at our charity online auction from November 15-24! All items are donated, so 100% of the proceeds go to CTB! Bid and win fabulous resort stays, collectibles, jewelry and more at www.biddingforgood.com/camptobelong.
- 2) Support Cory Scheer, former Camp To Belong Board Member, as he runs 12 marathons in 12 months to raise awareness and funds for organizations like ours that help meet the world's basic needs. Cory is inspired by Camp To Belong daily when he looks into the eyes of his adopted son, Evan. To support CTB through Cory, visit www.basicneedsmarathon.com.
- 3) Consider donating "wish list" items like toys, arts and crafts, sleeping bags, even cars! Contact us at info@camptobelong.org or donate at www.camptobelong.org/donate.



Camp To Belong 2013 Stats:



Make a Difference!

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