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**CAMP TO BELONG FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT EMERITUS LYNN PRICE**

**MARANA, AZ.** – At eight years old, Lynn Price discovered her mom and dad were in fact her foster parents and not biologically related. Price also learned that she had an older birth sister living across town. With limited visits throughout their childhood, Price and sister Andi did not develop a family relationship until they were young adults. Today, as their relationship deepens, they realize how much their connection means, while sadly realizing how much they missed growing up apart.

In 1995, Price volunteered at a children's shelter and served as a court appointed special advocate for children in foster care. While spending time with infants through teens, she discovered that of the almost 500,000 youth in the American foster care system at the time, 75% were separated from at least one sibling. This staggering statistic, combined with her own personal experience, turned out to be the spark that ignited her creation of Camp To Belong.

Camp To Belong reunites brothers and sisters with other youth sharing the same family challenges for a week of life changing experiences while building sibling connections. The program was the first of its type in the country and continues to expand to other states, along with current growth in Canada and Australia. "Camp To Belong is the catalyst for sibling connections, building life-time memories to honor this most important familial bond," says Price. Additional outcomes have also included legislation for sibling placement and visitation, recruitment of more foster and adoptive families for siblings and enhanced best practice among child welfare professionals.

As a result of Price's involvement with Camp To Belong, she has been recognized with many accolades including the **President's Volunteer Service Award**, administered by Points of Light and the **Use Your Life Award** from Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network.

Today, Price holds the honor of being an Ashoka Fellow and serves Camp To Belong as founder and president emeritus. She is a personal coach and a member of the National Speakers Association, often providing keynote addresses to organizations. She is the author of **Vision For A Change, A Social Entrepreneur's Insights From the Heart** and **Real Belonging Give Siblings Their Right To Reunite®**. Visit [www.lynnprice.com](http://www.lynnprice.com) for more information about our founder.

**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 and 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 and through our website at [www.camptobelong.org](http://www.camptobelong.org). We invite you to like us at [facebook.com/CampToBelong](https://facebook.com/CampToBelong) and follow us on [twitter.com/CTB\\_Intl](https://twitter.com/CTB_Intl).

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