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SIBLINGS REUNITE AMONG S'MORES AND CAMPFIRE STORIES

MARANA, AZ. - Camp To Belong, (CTB), an international non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, actively reunites brothers and sisters placed in separate foster, adoptive or kinship homes through summer camp programs and year round events.

The primary goal of Camp To Belong is to provide a sense of belonging to youth as individuals, and as siblings, giving them opportunities to share childhood memories together and among other youth in the same situations.

Nearly 500,000 youth currently occupy our foster care system, and 75% of these are separated from at least one sibling. 77% of these youth reported wanting to see their missing brothers and sisters. These siblings do not always have the opportunity to read bedtime stories together at night, have breakfast together, cheer for each other at school functions or share precious holidays – all the things that siblings generally take for granted each day.

“For most of us, the relationship that we have with our siblings will be the longest familial bond we have throughout our lives. That special brother/sister association often helps to define us, our place in the family, our place in the community, our place in the world,” shares Camp To Belong Executive Director Sherry Brock.

Founded in Las Vegas in the summer of 1995 by Lynn Price, Camp To Belong provides weeklong summer camps with siblings participating in activities such as horseback riding, rock climbing, swimming, as well as signature programs such as a mass birthday party for all campers, Life Skills Seminar and art activities. Each Camp To Belong averages 75 campers and 40+ counselors. The Camp To Belong Program has reunited over 4,500 siblings since inception. The program was the first of its type in the country and continues to expand to other states, along with current growth internationally, including Australia.

Camp To Belong is headquartered in Tucson, Arizona and accepts applicants for campers and volunteer counselors from all over the country. With requests to have Camp To Belong in states across the US and beyond, the organization is working hard to secure necessary funds to help reunite separated siblings living in care. Thanks to

donations from individuals and the support of corporations, service organizations, foundations, and grants, Camp To Belong's outreach continues to grow.

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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