



OUR IMPACT

2016 Impact Summary

Camp To Belong works to reunite brothers and sisters separated through foster care for a week of camp in the summer and other events throughout the year. For children who are placed into foster care, separation from siblings has been shown to lead to profound feelings of grief and loss, behavior problems, depression, and other mental health problems. Camp to Belong is one of the only programs in the United States designed specifically to address the relational needs of youth who are separated by foster care. Through its signature event programming, Camp to Belong works to strengthen the sibling relationship by providing youth with a place to connect, create memories, and normalize the experiences of placement into foster care.

FOSTER CARE BY THE NUMBERS



OUR NUMBERS



12 Weeks of camp



750 Brothers and Sisters



350 Counselors

400 Day Volunteers



300 Birthday Cakes



10,000 Photos for Scrapbooks

OUR RESULTS

After attending Camp To Belong:

- 83% of campers feel more hope about their lives and their futures.
- 88% of campers believe their family is stronger even when facing problems.
- 91% of campers have positive special memories of their time spent with their brothers and sisters at camp.
- 85% of campers feel they can better advocate for contact with their siblings.
- 84% of campers reported time at camp helped them get to know others whose lives are like theirs.

WHAT OUR CAMPERS ARE SAYING:

"This is the one week a year that I get to live with my siblings, this is our week and makes up for the entire year of not being together."

"This camp makes me feel like I'm not the only one in foster care."

"Camp To Belong is our thing, it's what keeps us together. Camp To Belong is what made us strong."

