



## Sibling Separation

- There are almost 600,000 children in foster care across the United States. [In Oregon, over 7,500 children reside in foster care.](#)
- 65-75% of children entering the foster care system have at least one sibling they are separated from.
- Brothers and Sisters need each other for emotional strength and connection
- On average, foster youth spend less than 4 hours per month with their siblings.
- We have proudly served over 500 Oregon youth since Camp To Belong came to our state!

## Camp To Belong

### Northwest

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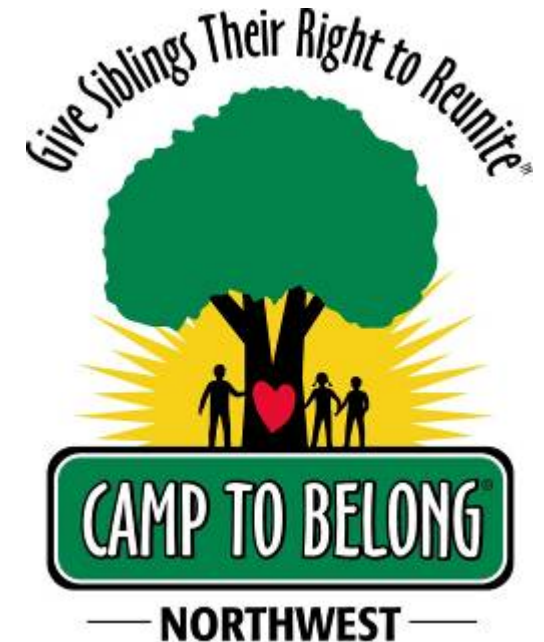
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We are volunteers that are dedicated to reuniting brothers and sisters in [Oregon](#) who are placed in separate foster care, kinship care, and adoptive home placements for events of fun, emotional empowerment, and sibling connection to create lifetime memories.



## IN THE BEGINNING:

It was 1995 and Lynn Price, our Founder, had the hope to reunite children separated through foster care or other out of home care. Lynn, was herself a former youth in care. She and her sister had been placed in different foster homes when Lynn was a baby. Lynn didn't learn she had a sister until she was eight. She spent the rest of her childhood years trying to connect with a sister she never knew existed. It was painful to be separated from family. She decided to do something about it.

Camp To Belong Northwest has been a proud member camp since 2006. We have served over 550 Oregon youth through this program.

The youth we serve discover through their involvement with Camp To Belong that they are not alone, that there are many others who are like them. They feel safe in an environment where they can address their peers, and can talk with those who can identify with their pain and hardship.

The activities, events and art programming at Camp To Belong are designed to boost the sibling bond through meaningful connection with their brothers and sisters and with other disadvantaged youth who are like them.



Camp is held in June of each year at the Salem YMCA Silver Creek Camp inside the historic national Silver Falls State Park in Silverton, Oregon.

We are all volunteers and every dollar we raise goes directly to the youth we serve!

It cost's \$500.00 for each youth to attend.

Sponsor a youth or a sibling group today with your contribution in honor of your siblings. You can make a difference!

Please consider donating to our organization on-line at:

[www.ctbnorthwest.org](http://www.ctbnorthwest.org)

or send your tax free donation directly to:

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