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Forging a Connection Between Reunited Siblings

BRIAN WILLIAMS, anchor:
Our final story tonight involves some of the roughly four hundred thousand children in our country living in foster care in a system where nearly half of those with siblings are separated from at least one of them. But for one week this summer, some of those kids are getting the chance to get back together with their siblings. It’s at a special camp that is making a difference. Our national correspondent Kate Snow has the story tonight from Southern California.

MAN: Vincent, Asia, and J.P.
KATE SNOW reporting:
It’s the first day of summer camp. Counselors welcome the campers. And for Miguel Justice a special greeting from the older sisters he hasn’t seen in months.
GIRL #1: Come on, give me a hug. Come on, give me a hug.
SNOW: This is Camp to Belong, where brothers and sisters separated from each other in foster care, reunite.
MIGUEL JUSTICE: It’s fun to spend time together since we haven’t seen each other in a long time.
GIRL #2: This camp is based on siblings, which I absolutely love and adore.
VINCENT POCAIGUE: There you go.
SNOW: Vincent, J.P., and Asia Pocaigue are three of seven siblings. The boys are in one foster home, their little sister in another across town.
VINCENT POCAIGUE: This is the only camp I’ve heard of where we get to like do stuff with our brothers and sisters.
SNOW: For one week, they share bunks with kids in similar situations. The zip line is a camp favorite. They are going fast.
Sister and brother cross the ravine holding hands.
J.P.: Ready to go again?
WOMAN: Three, two, one, zipping.
SNOW: Miguel beats me every time.
High five.
So over seventeen years you’ve had how many kids come through the camp?
LYNN PRICE (Camp to Belong Founder): Almost seventy-five hundred.
SNOW: Founder Lynn Price was separated from her older sister in foster care. She wants these kids to have what she missed.
PRICE: They get to wake up in the morning and have breakfast together. They get to do activities together where they cheer each other on.
ASIA POCAIGUE: Ready, set, go.
SNOW: They compete with each other like brothers and sisters.
PRICE: They compete with each other. That’s a part of the sibling connection.
VINCENT POCAIGUE: You-- you both. That close.
SNOW: Camp to Belong has programs in nine states, run almost exclusively on volunteer power. Since many of the siblings can’t spend their birthdays together, they celebrate here, picking out the perfect donated gift, wrapping it up, decorating a cake.
GIRL #1: I love you, too.
SNOW: Opening the presents together and making a wish. One week of memories to last a lifetime. Kate Snow, NBC News, Orange, California.