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**FOSTER CARE ALUMNI FAMILY REUNION HIGHLIGHTS THE NEEDS OF CALIFORNIA YOUTH IN - AND FROM - FOSTER CARE**

*Foster Care Alumni Gather in Sacramento and Call on Congress to Act Now to Reform Foster Care*

**WHAT:** On Saturday, September 20, 2008, “Together 2008: Alumni Family Reunion” hosted by Foster Care Alumni of America will transform the classic family reunion into a community event for foster care alumni in the Northern California area and nationwide.

A family reunion picnic will be held in cities across the country, including Sacramento, California. The event underscores the fact that all children and young people need the support of a family; yet the more than half a million children currently in foster care are often separated from friends and family and everything that is familiar. At the Sacramento Alumni Family Reunion, California foster care alumni will highlight the need for Congress to act to help children in foster care join the safe, permanent families they both need and deserve.

**PHOTO OP:** Foster care alumni of all ages celebrating an “Alumni Family Reunion.”

**INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:** Young people who experienced foster care will be available to discuss their experiences and the need for Congress to pass foster care legislation. To arrange interviews in advance of the event, please contact Misty Stenslie at [mstenslie@fostercarealumni.org](mailto:mstenslie@fostercarealumni.org) or phone 703-862-7295.

**WHO:** California foster care alumni, foster parents, professionals, administrators and community members who care about foster care.

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 20, 2008  
12:30 p.m – 3:30 p.m  
Note: Speakers will present a brief program starting at 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Independent Living Program  
925 Plaza Del Paso  
Sacramento, CA 95815

**HONORARY HOST COMMITTEE:** Includes Congressional Representatives Jim McDermott (D-WA), Jerry Weller (R-IL), Shelley Berkley (D-NV), Chaka Fattah (D-PA), Dennis Cardoza (D-CA), Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA), and William Bell, President and CEO of Casey Family Programs.