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**FOSTER CARE ALUMNI FAMILY REUNION HIGHLIGHTS THE NEEDS OF VIRGINIA  
AND WASHINGTON, D.C. YOUTH IN - AND FROM - FOSTER CARE**

*Foster Care Alumni Gather in Arlington 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 Washington, D.C. metro area and nationwide.

A family reunion picnic will be held in cities across the country including Arlington, Virginia. 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 Arlington, VA Alumni Family Reunion, Virginia and D.C. 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:** Virginia and D.C. area 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:** Glencarlyn Park  
Glencarlyn Park #2 Shelter  
300 N. Harrison Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

**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.