



## **Kim Campbell**

*Widow of Grammy Hall of Fame & Award-Winning Music Artist Glen Campbell, Alzheimer's Advocate*

Kim Campbell's marriage of more than three decades to pop-country music legend Glen Campbell is a testament to devotion and overcoming adversity. Kim helped Glen beat cocaine addiction and alcoholism only to face their greatest challenge when he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2011. Kim supported her husband through the tumultuous hardships that accompany the disease and has become a tireless, influential voice for all people living with Alzheimer's.

In 2011, Kim, Glen and their children went public to courageously share Glen's battle with Alzheimer's. They invited filmmakers James Keach and Trevor Albert to document Glen's *Goodbye Tour*, which produced the award-winning documentary *Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me*. The documentary helped to break the stigma that accompanies Alzheimer's and provides hope and comfort to families who are facing the same challenges. The film's success gave Kim a platform to advocate for people with dementia and their families around the country, on Capitol Hill, and even at the United Nations. Kim remained by Glen's side for all 151 shows, including his appearance at the 2012 Grammy Awards.

Determined to honor Glen by continuing his quest to educate people about Alzheimer's disease, Kim launched *CareLiving.org*, a blog and lifestyle guide providing resources, inspiration and a sense of community to this underserved group. She champions the cause using her own experience as a call to action. Then, in 2019, she created the Kim and Glen Campbell Foundation to advance the use of "music as medicine" to alleviate depression, manage behaviors, boost cognition and alter the brain chemistry associated with well-being and stress reduction to improve the lives of those with cognitive impairments and their caregivers. In recognition of her dedication and work in the field, Kim was made an honorary faculty member of the University of Maryland, Baltimore's Erickson School that connects the best research available for aging services with the practical expertise of industry leaders nationwide. Among her many accolades Kim recently received the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation - Great Ladies Award, the Us Against Alzheimer's - Women Making Change Award, and the Alzheimer's Association - Caregiver Leadership Award. Kim has made it her mission to improve the quality of life for families and caregivers and sits on the board of Abe's Garden, an Alzheimer's Center of Excellence and state-of-the-art memory care community located in Nashville, TN.



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Kim is an impassioned speaker who has an intimate understanding of the complex challenges faced by people living with dementia and their families. From the early to the more advanced stages of Alzheimer's, Kim Campbell lived through it all and can connect with an audience on a very intimate level using personal anecdotes and humor. She is gracious, engaging, and boldly honest about the devastating toll that Alzheimer's can have. Kim has joined other celebrities who are stepping forward to speak out for families impacted by Alzheimer's such as Leeza Gibbons, Linda Grey, Paula Abdul, and Ron Reagan.

**Topics:**

- A Family's Journey With Alzheimer's: Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me
- CareLiving.org: Turning Caregiving into CareLiving