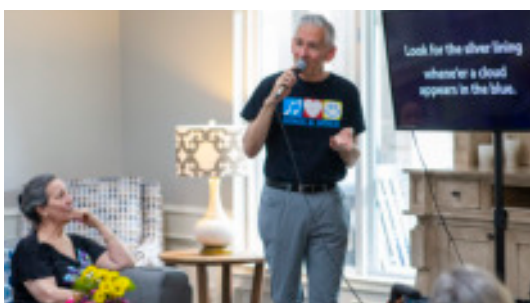


SONGS & SMILES

Informational Overview



Songs & Smiles co-founders Eric and Sheryl Kolb with Sheryl's mom, Trish, in 2017, sharing a moment of joy during the Alzheimer's journey. Eric and Sheryl helped care for Trish from the time of her diagnosis in 2008 until Alzheimer's took her life in 2019.



Eric leading an in-person singalong show.



Woman reading *Joyful Memories* magazine.

Why Songs & Smiles?

Alzheimer's destroys a person's connection with their own memories. Too often, the disease also destroys connections between people.

Songs & Smiles supports those who find themselves facing the challenges of Alzheimer's — people living with the disease and those caring for them. Songs and smiles are powerful tools for building connections, helping people living with Alzheimer's better connect with memories and emotions, as well as with family, friends, and communities.

Mission

Keeping Families Connected During the Alzheimer's Journey

Focus

Songs & Smiles is concerned with care, not the cure. Programs provide practical and positive support for caregivers by involving family, friends, and communities.

Organization

- Nonprofit corporation established with State of Texas on Jan. 22, 2020.
- 501(c)(3) public charity status granted by Internal Revenue Service on April 28, 2020.
- Earned GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency.
- Grants received from The Pollination Project, Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA), and AWARE, a fund of The Dallas Foundation.

Leadership

- Sheryl Kolb (President), Melanie McGee (Treasurer), Stacey VanBeek (Secretary), John Ponder (Member, Board of Directors), and Eric Kolb (Executive Director).

Programs

- Singalongs — In-person shows at care facilities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Online on Vimeo and YouTube.
- Educational Resources — Workshops, articles, and posts focused on five themes related to caregiving: grieving, resting, inviting, connecting, and celebrating. Helpful books and DVDs distributed at no charge to caregivers across the country.
- *Joyful Memories* — Magazine designed for people living with dementia. Available nationwide.