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Title Interview with Kim Wilson

Date 23 June 2025

Medium born digital audio file

Description (a) Audio file of interview with Kim Wilson. She was interviewed by Tania Alfonso on 23 June 2025 in Fairfield, Connecticut. (b) Photograph of Kim Wilson provided by Kim Wilson. Kim Wilson was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History's Community History Project discussing moments of change in her life. Kim Wilson is a student at Housatonic Community College. Her redefining moment of change was when she chose to go back to school at age 65. Kim discusses her earlier life, including difficult family relationships and getting a job at 16 so she could move out, as well as her employment history, volunteering, divorce, and having children at a young age. She enrolled in college through the senior program using financial aid, where she began taking art classes. She describes the differences between going to school in 1976 and 2025 and notes that remembering her passwords is particularly tricky. Prior to going back to school, Kim spent a lot of time watching television, but school provided her with the friends and positive atmosphere that she needed. She misses school during the summer and notes that having more summer classes would help underserved communities. Being in school has motivated Kim to live a healthier life and has helped her lose weight. It has also helped teach her to ask for help. She is proud of herself for the first time in her life and looks forward to tomorrow. Kim notes that she will never

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be able to use her degree because if she works, her disability insurance will be

taken away. As a cancer survivor, coma survivor, and person with a

tracheotomy, she needs the insurance. She has recently begun therapy and says

that it is very helpful. Kim describes the difficulties she had with getting the help

she needs because of her disabilities. Post-interview Kim described the

interview process as therapeutic.

Dimensions Duration: 51 Minutes, 47 Seconds