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Title Interview with Kim Wilson

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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

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

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

interview process as therapeutic.

Dimensions Duration: 51 Minutes, 47 Seconds