

## **61 MILLION AMERICANS ARE AFFECTED BY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE!**

In the US alone, nearly **7 million people** have been **diagnosed with ALZHEIMER'S or DEMENTIA DISEASE**, and the number is growing daily. **Each case directly affects an average of 9 more people.** Alzheimer's; Vascular Dementia; Lewey Bodies; over 100 types of dementia diseases plague our world today, crossing all socioeconomic, cultural, faith, and race boundaries, ravaging lives and relationships of every kind.

Ellen Marie Edmonds, author and speaker, became an expert practitioner, embracing the daily challenges of dementia as she cared for her late husband, FRANK EDMONDS, a retired CEO with AT&T and a renown business, civic, and military leader. Of his many notable contributions to society, his greatest could be the sharing of his journey to littleness through vascular dementia triggered by a head injury in an auto accident.

Whether it's your wife or husband who has Alzheimer's, or your mother, father, brother, sister, friend or a co-worker who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's... their life, your life, and your relationship are all painfully changing. The grown person with dementia disease is becoming little again, in the reverse order of the stages of life. Your roles will change. But even as your loved one's mental abilities diminish, you can still companion them to the finish line and "connect" emotionally with their heart. **For dementia is a disease of the *brain*; but the *heart* does not get dementia.**

Through speaking events and her book "EMBRACING DEMENTIA: A Call to Love," Ellen brings a message of hope and practical help, replacing fear with understanding and a practical guide for caregivers. To hear a sampling of her message via radio and television programs, visit her media page ([LINK](#)). Order her book online via ([LINKS](#)) or request a copy from your local bookstore. To invite Ellen to speak at an event, contact ([LINK](#)). The Press page ([LINK](#)) contains downloadable photo and press releases.