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Harriet Redman M.S. Ed. is Founder and retired Executive Director of WisconSibs, Inc, the first non-profit organization dedicated to the interests of siblings of people with disabilities from childhood through adult. Redman developed innovative family education programs for a Fortune 500 company (AAL/Thrivent) and later became a marketing director for the same company. When her son was born with a rare chromosomal disorder, she turned her program development and marketing skills to the lifespan needs and interests of siblings of people with disabilities. She and her husband are full-time caregivers of their 34-year-old son who many know as *The ShhRedman* due to his innovative work as an independent document shredder for small businesses.

Redman continues advocating with people with disabilities, their siblings, and other family caregivers serving on several projects concerning the expansion of housing solutions for people with disabilities, caregiver wellness and ensuring their financial and workplace security, caregiver coalitions, facilitating Advance Care Planning workshops, and as a board member for disability and aging organizations. In 2017, Harriet along with several professionals from throughout Wisconsin established the Wisconsin Family and Caregiving Alliance. She co-chairs the Engaging Employers Work Group.

She has been recognized by *Exceptional Parent* magazine's Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award for her work and advocacy on behalf of the 54.6 million people living with disabilities in the United States. She won the Celebrating Abilities Award in recognition of her founding an annual week-long community project that inspires the Fox Cities community to celebrate the abilities of each person, regardless of their disabilities. The WI Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities presented her with the Richard Blakely Organization Achievement Award. Named as one of five Movers & Shakers in the Fox Cities (2015). Insight on Business Women of Influence-Difference Maker Award (2020). The inaugural Don Meyer Award (2020) for innovative program development and advocacy with siblings of people with disabilities. Kiwanian of the Year (2019) - International George F Hixson award (2020) - Kiwanis Distinguished Member (2022) and other recognitions and acknowledgements for her outstanding leadership and advocacy.