

Gary Glazner is the founder and Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Poetry Project, (APP).

The APP was the recipient of the 2013, Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Award and the 2012 MetLife Foundation Creativity and Aging in America Leadership Award. The National Endowment for the Arts listed the APP as a "best practice." NBC's "Today" show, PBS NewsHour and NPR's "All Things Considered" have featured segments on Glazner's work. Glazner is the author of *Dementia Arts: Celebrating Creativity in Elder Care*.

In 2014, Glazner began working in the Arts and Corrections field with his Poetry and Improv program, at the Unit for the Cognitively Impaired, at Fishkill Correctional Facility in upstate New York. In 2016, Glazner designed and co-taught "Creativity in Elder Care," for the University of Arizona Medical School.

In 2014, with support from the NEA and the Poetry Foundation, Glazner launched "Poetry for Life," an intergenerational program that brings students of all ages together with people living with memory loss to perform and create poetry. Glazner was the poet-in-residence at the International Arts and Health Conference in Australia in 2015 and 2018. He was co-recipient of the International Leadership in Arts and Health Award in 2018. The APP has provided programming in 35 states and internationally in Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Poland, South Korea and Turkey.