



# THE LIFE OF GABBY DEE GIFFORDS: A TIMELINE

- June 8, 1970** Born in Tucson, Arizona, to Spencer and Gloria Giffords
- 1993** Graduated from Scripps College in Claremont, California, with a double major in Latin American studies and sociology
- 1996** Earned an M.A. in urban planning from Cornell University
- 1997–2007** Ran her family's tire business in Tucson, then helped manage a commercial property firm
- 2002** Won election to the Arizona State Senate
- 2006** Won election to the U.S. Congress as the representative for Arizona's Eighth Congressional District
- 2007** Married Mark Kelly, a Navy pilot and astronaut
- 2007–2012** Served in the U.S. Congress as Representative from Arizona and served on the Armed Forces, Foreign Affairs, and Science and Technology Committees; Chaired the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics
- 2011** Shot in the head by a gunman at a constituent event and seriously wounded. After a partial recovery, she returned to the House to vote.
- 2012** Resigned from the House to concentrate on further recovery
- 2013** Founded Americans for Responsible Solutions, a non-profit organization supporting gun safety, after the Sandy Hook shooting
- 2016** Americans for Responsible Solutions merged with the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.
- 2018** Co-founded Friends of Aphasia with speech therapist Dr. Fabi Hirsch Kruse
- 2020** Mark Kelly elected to the U.S. Senate in a special election
- 2022** Awarded the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, by President Joe Biden
- Currently** Continuing to work on her own recovery and to advocate for responsible gun ownership and policies to prevent gun violence.

To learn more about the life and work of Gabby Giffords, see the resources below:

- Dave Cullen, "How Gabby Giffords Survived a Shot to the Head, and Outsmarted the NRA" [bit.ly/3G3UE2A](https://bit.ly/3G3UE2A)
- Karen Tumulty, "How Gabby Giffords Found Her Voice Again" [bit.ly/3thOLXW](https://bit.ly/3thOLXW)