



Kim Soltis Hammer

Kim and her husband Matt met at Texas A&M University, married in 1979, and have lived in Corpus Christi, Texas, since 1988. They have one daughter, Caitlin, a moving image archivist in New York.

After an early career as a seismic data broker in San Antonio and Denver, Kim switched career paths in 1985 and opened Celebrations Catering in Beeville, Texas, followed by The Magnolia Company in 1991 in Corpus Christi. Later she moved into event planning with her company Special Events by Kim Hammer and at the same time began teaching in the Hospitality Management Department at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi.

In 2006 Kim began working with the Soltis Family Foundation on the Casa Verde project which would eventually become the Texas A&M University Soltis Center for Research and Education in Costa Rica (<http://soltiscentercostarica.tamu.edu>). The Soltis Center opened in June 2009 and Kim maintains a seat on the advisory board and remains an active advocate for the Center.

In addition to overseeing the Soltis family holdings and reforestation projects in Costa Rica, Kim is the managing partner for a tree farm that uses organic, sustainable models for reforestation, development and extraction of hardwoods in San Isidro de Penas Blancas, Costa Rica.

Kim also holds seats on the Friends of the Children's Eternal Rainforest Board and the Texas A&M International Advisory Board.