

## All in the Family



**Calen Pick** was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder in 1999 at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts. Two years at a patients' residence helped him stabilize on appropriate medications and learn about his illness. "Without insight into myself, I would not have what I have today. I have learned more from my experience than I ever thought possible when trapped in darkness years ago." Calen and his family watched while the medications facilitated moments of clarity for him that eventually became his guiding light. Calen is proud to be a spokesperson for the [BringChange2Mind.org](http://BringChange2Mind.org) campaign and feels the impact of the message every day. Aunt Glenn (Glenn Close) has been instrumental in Calen's life. Without her, [BringChange2Mind.org](http://BringChange2Mind.org) would not exist and Calen's world would feel much smaller. He can't say enough about the importance of family because without them unconditional love would be a foreign concept.

**Jessie Close** has lived with bipolar disorder for most of her life, but wasn't properly diagnosed until the ripe old age of 47. She also had a stay at McLean Hospital in 2004, which remedied some of the medication she was taking. A friend told Jessie about McLean when her son, Calen, was very sick and they didn't know where to turn. He was 18 years old when he lost the life he knew and plunged into psychosis. At that time, after Calen was brought to McLean, Jessie asked her sister, Glenn, if she could help eliminate the stigma surrounding mental illness. Glenn promised to help and became involved with Fountain House in New York City. From there, the anti-stigma campaign has snowballed, culminating so far with the public service announcements directed by Ron Howard in Grand Central Station. It's because of Glenn that we're here in Chicago even though she would say it's because of us. Let's just say it's a mutual effort that's become a team effort and the team is growing everyday.