

Kathy Williams and Family



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Kathy Williams, a TWU Distinguished Alumna from Houston, grew up in a military family and knows firsthand the emotions that children and parents often face when parents are serving their country. Kathy's parents, at her suggestion, have created a line of greeting cards for children who face all types of unusual family issues, including military separation. All proceeds from the cards go to charitable causes including the USO.

Clarence and Henrietta Williams raised four successful children and now, in retirement, are hoping to influence many other young people in a positive way. "The idea for these cards came from our daughter, Kathy—a former **TWU** student, mom, and long time journalist living in Houston. Her real job and family leave her too busy to do this but she allowed us to take her idea and run with it," Clinton Williams said.

Kathy was between jobs and had the opportunity to spend time with her son and his friends. It made her realize all of the different places that children were in today's world. The greeting cards portray that realization as they touch on divorce, separation, grandparents raising grandchildren, single parenting, mixed families, blended families --- and of course moms and dads separated from their children due to military deployment.

Kathy says of her parents, "I might have inspired the business, but they run the day to day operations, including donating many of the cards. " She quotes her parents as saying, "You can tithe with service as well as money. "

Kathy Williams is currently assistant news director at KPRC-TV, Houston. She and her sister have written two children's books also available at www.selfesteemadventures.com