

Women of Impact

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HONORING
WOMEN
WHO LEAD,
SERVE, AND
ELEVATE

FEATURING
STORIES OF
REMARKABLE
WOMEN FROM
ACROSS
THE UNITED
STATES



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There is a depth of leadership that cannot be measured by titles alone; a quiet, enduring strength

shaped by life's highest joys and its deepest losses. Wendy Thomas carries that kind of leadership with her, marked by resilience, grounded in faith, and refined over time into something both powerful and deeply personal.

As CEO of Thomas Protective Service, Inc., Wendy leads within an industry that demands decisiveness,

endurance, and constant adaptability. Her days are fast-paced and often unpredictable, moving between high-level strategy and real-time problem-solving, with responsibility that rarely pauses, even in the late hours of the night. Over the course of more than three decades, she has witnessed the evolution of the security industry from a male-dominated, physically driven field into one that increasingly values strategic leadership and professional insight. In that space, she has not only sustained success, but helped redefine what it means for a woman to lead with authority and clarity.

Yet the foundation of who Wendy is extends far beyond the work she leads.

She is the eldest of three children, shaped early by responsibility and later by profound loss, having experienced the passing of both her parents and her younger brother, Carl "Skip" Thomas. These moments did not

weaken her, they deepened her perspective. They sharpened her understanding of what truly matters, anchoring her in a life guided not by achievement alone, but by meaning.

Much of that perspective was formed long before, through the steady influence of her grandmother. A woman of strength, independence, and unwavering faith, her grandmother did more than speak about values, she lived them. Faith and hard work were not abstract ideas, but guiding principles woven into everyday life. That example left a lasting imprint on Wendy, shaping not only how she approaches leadership, but how she defines success itself.

Earlier in her life, success was something to prove, measured by growth, financial milestones, and outward achievement. Over time, that definition has evolved into something far more meaningful. Today, success is rooted in alignment: living according to her values, creating space for meaningful experiences, and, most

Strength with Purpose

Wendy Thomas

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She believes deeply in the power of grace, resilience, and the understanding that every journey unfolds with purpose, even when the outcome is not yet visible.

As she looks ahead, Wendy is entering a season defined not by slowing down, but by living more intentionally, deepening connections, exploring the world, and continuing to give back in meaningful ways. Her influence, however, is already evident in the lives she has shaped, the values she carries forward, and the legacy she is building each day.

And perhaps the clearest reflection of that legacy can be seen in her children, Ashley and Joshua; living testaments to a life led with strength, faith, and unwavering purpose.

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Trust that God is working in
your life even when you
cannot yet see the outcome.

*Not every door will open, and not every
prayer will be answered in the way you
expect, but there is purpose in every step.*

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importantly, supporting her children as they build lives of purpose and independence.

Her role as a mother stands as one of the most defining aspects of her life. The birth of her children marked a pivotal turning point, reshaping her sense of purpose and reinforcing her commitment to love, guide, and support them in every season. Today, she watches with pride as her daughter, Ashley, thrives as an attorney in Houston, and her son, Joshua, navigates the rigorous demands of law school. In them, she sees resilience, kindness, and independence reflected back, qualities they have come to recognize in her as well.

Wendy approaches life with an integrated sense of purpose, where leadership is not compartmentalized, but woven into how she thinks, acts, and shows up each day. Rather than striving for a rigid balance, she moves with intention, continually recalibrating her focus to align with what matters most. This clarity allows her to lead with both precision and grace, even in seasons that demand more than most.

Her faith remains a constant anchor. It shapes her perspective, guides her decisions, and informs how she encourages others; especially women navigating their own uncertain paths.

