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Born in Vandalia, MO, Drenda Williams sprang from a poverty-stricken childhood into a well-accomplished female executive. Drenda Williams leads by example through her dedication to public service as well as her commitment to using her talents and gifts to help others.

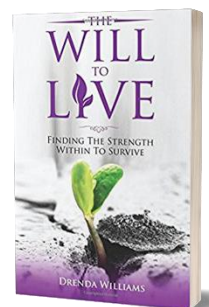
She attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, MO, and graduated cum laude with a bachelor's of science in Agriculture and Natural Resources as a single parent. Life wasn't always the brightest of times for her though, being a former victim of abuse, she can't forget past traumatic situations.

These experiences instilled in her a compelling need to help others who suffer from abuse—or are at risk of becoming a victim of it. She suffered through severe emotional and physical abuse from 17–22 years of age. It affected her life in ways she did not know until later.

*Her First Book, **The Will To Live: Finding The Strength Within To Survive** is not merely something to read, it's her overpowering sense of duty to the millions of women and men who are suffering or are in great danger of suffering from abuse. She stated, "This book has great power to me because no one was there to know what I was going through; no one was there to comfort me; no one was there to tell me what to do; no one was there to tell me what I must do to escape; no one was there because I wanted to conceal my shame and pain.*

" Now I want to reach out and inspire young ladies and young men—often teenagers—who need to talk to someone so they will know they are not alone in the abuse they suffer now, or are at risk of, or who have unhealed emotional wounds from past abuse, " ~ **Williams States**

***Drenda Williams** will leave a lasting impression on those she touches. It's because of who she is as a person that's a testimony of triumph over tragedy. She lives in Central Texas where she has begun her journey of inspiring others to not be ashamed of where they have come from but to be proud and strong they were able to heal and make a difference.*




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