



Association of Adventist Women

Kathryn Haycock Proffitt

— Woman of the Year —

Outstanding Achievement

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Originally from Cornelius, Oregon, Kathryn Haycock Proffitt graduated from Laurelwood Academy and earned her bachelor and master's degrees from universities in Oregon. A former dental hygienist, she co-founded and became president of the East Valley Dental Hygiene Society in Phoenix, Arizona. She is the mother of four children; Gari and Rachelle are high school age; Holly recently graduated from college; and Corbin is studying medicine at Loma Linda University. As a member of the Camelback Seventh-day Adventist Church in Phoenix, one of the largest in Arizona, Kathryn has served on the finance committee, youth ministries, the school board, and on several conference committees.



In 1982 Kathryn Haycock Proffitt mortgaged her house to establish Call America, a long distance telephone company. Since then she has become a nationally recognized leader in the telecommunications industry. She is vice chair of the Competitive Telecommunications Association,

which represents telecommunications service providers with annual revenues of less than \$5 billion. She has spoken in economic conferences in France and South Africa, and was honored by President Clinton in a speech during his campaign trip to Phoenix.

In September, 1997, the Clinton administration nominated Kathryn to serve as ambassador to Malta, an island in the

Mediterranean Sea south of Sicily. After winning Senate confirmation, she was sworn in at the White House on December 15, 1997 by Vice President Al Gore. Two days later, she was sworn in at the State Department. She has since sold her telecommunications business and is now serving full-time as ambassador.

“Kathryn Proffitt has demonstrated her commitment to building people and organizations that serve people in numerous effective ways,” says Dr. Ivan Blake, Camelback senior pastor. “She has the ability to electrify a discussion [and is] someone who cares about people more than policy. She has confronted enormous obstacles--moral and fiscal-- and has discovered the only way forward is to trust in God's marvelous interventions. She is used by God to encourage people. Her insights and compassion point others to Jesus as a loving Friend of sinners.”

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