



## **BIOGRAPHY**

Cindy Coney is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer and author. For over 30 years, she has effectively helped individuals and the nonprofit organizations that support them to move beyond surviving to thriving. Her pioneering educational work in health and prevention has been federally recognized as a Model Program and continues to positively impact the lives of hundreds of thousands of students nationwide.

Cindy holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and is an ardent Florida State University football fan. She is a Master Trainer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The Center for Prevention Workforce Development. She has authored the following publications for nonprofit organizations: *Earned Income: A Critical Resource for Sustainable Nonprofit Health Organizations*, and *Intellectual Property for Nonprofit Organizations*. She considers *The Wild Woman's Guide to Living with Chronic Illness* her most creative work, to date. Her keynote addresses and conference presentations have been enthusiastically received from Kansas to Kalamazoo, New York to New Mexico, and Belize to Baltimore!

Volunteer service feeds Cindy's spirit. She has Chaired The Lupus Foundation of America's national Board of Directors and served as President of The Junior League of Tampa. She has held leadership and advisory positions with the United Way, the Children's Board of Tampa, the Gasparilla Distance and Mary Lee's House for abused children. She is a graduate of Leadership Tampa, serves as Secretary of Town and Gown at The University of South Florida and is past Treasurer of The Museum Society at the University of Tampa. Cindy has been recognized numerous times and holds many awards for her outstanding volunteer service.

Cindy is a native Floridian, residing in Tampa, Florida. She and her husband of 35 years currently share their home with one Wheaten Terrier named Landis. Both of their daughters are grown and living amazing lives of their own.

Despite being diagnosed with lupus in 1980, Cindy has an unsinkable spirit. Her zest for living life fully and helping others do the same is contagious. Since her diagnosis, she has flown in a hot air balloon, driven a race car 124 miles per hour and completed the Chicago Marathon, all 26.2 miles! She is someone who sees the glass not as half full, but overflowing! She has a smile (and often a hug) for everyone she meets. Her warmth, humor and down to earth nature, combined with her knowledge, experience and expertise make her a sought after speaker, coach and consultant.



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