



Biography

CINDY G. FOLEY

PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Cindy Foley's vision is to lead an organization that fosters positive self-expression and skills for artists and athletes by instilling the best values and benefits that the Hip Hop culture offers. She is a B-girl with over 20 years of breaking experience as a competitor, judge, teacher, and coach. She passionately leads 32 staff and volunteers as the President and Executive Director of Child of this Culture Foundation (COTC).

Cindy is a decorated combat veteran having served 10 years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, achieving the rank of Major. During her time in the military, she led with excellence. She often found herself navigating complex situations to include managing quality assurance for a \$385M flying program that ensured top safety and compliance to five divisions of roughly 600 personnel. Cindy transitioned from active duty in 2011 to raise her family and put her vision of giving back to the Hip Hop and Breaking community into motion.



Shortly after leaving the military, she co-founded COTC with her sister, Candy Foelix. In addition to hosting classes and workshops for children and youth internationally, Cindy also pioneered a breaking program model for military-connected communities in the U.S., Germany, and South Korea. Tapping into her experience, connections, and deep study of the history of breaking, she invested nine years developing breaking pedagogy and published an article called "From B-girl to Bbaby," in the *Journal of Dance Education* (2016). She also co-authored the children's book, "I am Hip Hop," and created two coaching certification frameworks: Breaking Teacher Foundation and Coaching Certification Development.

COTC has a long-standing positive relationship with the breaking community by providing personal and professional development to breakers, especially women as competitors and promoters. Her leadership allowed COTC to serve 4,200 children and adults for the past nine years with a deep dedication towards ensuring a safe environment for all.

Cindy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a focus on Organizational Communication from the University of Central Florida and a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma. She currently lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with her active-duty military husband and three children.