

Cynthia Smith-Funkhouser, MSW

Cindy is the President and CEO of the Sulzbacher Center, the largest homeless resource provider in Northeast FL. She has also served there as the Vice President of Health Services and the Chief Program Officer. Prior to this she served as the Executive Director of Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry in Jacksonville Beach, a faith-based organization that provides emergency assistance for beaches families in crisis. Cindy graduated from Florida State University with a Masters Degree in Clinical Social Work in 2003. She holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology from George Mason University. Cindy was the co-founder of a non-profit organization, Positive Kids, Inc. that dealt with bullying and violence in schools. In Cindy's first career she was a Sales and Marketing professional for a Fortune 500 company for over 20 years. It was through this career that she learned how to run a business. She was involved with public schools for over 10 years through PTA, SAC and Coaching. Cindy sat on the board of the Sulzbacher Center, the Beaches Resource Center Foundation, Full Service School Oversight Committee (Fletcher HS), the BEAM board, Beaches Watch board, the Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition board and the United Way Agency Directors Executive Committee. She currently sits on the UNF Brooks College of Health Dean's Council, the HUD CoC of N.E. Florida board, FSCJ Human Service Advisory board, The Mayors Task Force on Downtown Homelessness and the Jacksonville Chamber Board of Governors. She is an Honorary Life Member of Florida PTA, was named PTA Volunteer of the Year 2002-2003 at Alimacani Elementary and was the recipient of the 2003 Kessler Mentoring Award. In 2014, she received the Jacksonville Business Journal Ultimate CEO Award and in 2018 she was honored with the Times Union EVE Award. Cindy has been married to her High School sweetheart for 30 years and has two adult sons.