

Cynthia D. Brown

Bio

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Cynthia Dianne Brown, resident of New York City for the past thirty-one years, was born in Greenville, Mississippi. Brown, a 1970 graduate of T.L. Weston High School in Greenville attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee and graduated from Hunter College of The City University of New York in New York City with a BA degree in Sociology/Psychology. She has advanced studies diplomas in radio and television broadcasting from The Connecticut School of Broadcasting in Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey; travel consulting and travel agency management from the Institute of Certified Travel Agents in Boston, Massachusetts, special event and meeting management from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and philanthropy and fundraising management from New York University in New York City.

Cynthia has been employed as Controller and outside events coordinator of The New York Friars Club and its charitable arm, The Friars Foundation for 22 years. The New York Friars Club is a private club for people in the entertainment business. She is the co-partner of Global Destinations Travel and Milestone Events Groups, a travel agency and meeting and events company. She is the founder of The Blooming Magnolia Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide college scholarships to high school students from Mississippi and to support arts and music programs in New York City.

Cynthia is the recipient of the 2001 Twenty-Five Influential Black Women in Business Award presented by The Network Journal, a magazine for professional and businesspersons.

Cynthia is a member of The Association of Fundraising Professionals, New York Women in Communications, Women in Development, Publicity Club of New York, The Mississippi Center for Non-Profits, National Association of Women Business Owners, Friends of Art and Design and Unity Church of New York.

Cynthia has always been fascinated by the diverse cultures of the world and pursues her passions by traveling. She has visited several times virtually all the continents of the world. She speaks French and Italian and loves to go to the theatre, to listen to various types of music, to see films, to read and to chat with two special people in her life, Lanett and Eddie.

Cynthia's favorite quote is "Expect more than other think is possible, dream more than others think is practical, risk more than others think is safe".

Charity Begins at Home- Transforming Your Life by Giving Something Back

What is a non-profit organization and how to start one? How can non-profit organizations benefit the community? Partnering with other non-profit organizations.