

# Veronica Thames

Veronica has served as the Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President of Gulf Coast Community Foundation since August 2018. Her role is to translate Gulf Coast's vision and goals into action from the expansion of operations, including the opening of a [Sarasota Philanthropy Center](#) , to working with Community Leadership team to create and execute bold and proactive initiatives that transform our region by leading the [Invest In Incredible](#), and leading the charge on the strong culture that has resulted in the organization being named [Best Nonprofit To Work For](#) six time.



Veronica is an influential and collaborative leader with a proven ability to manage multiple functional areas within a dynamic organization. Prior to Gulf Coast, Veronica served as Vice President of Human Resources at Blake Medical Center Healthcare Corporation of America. At Blake Veronica was responsible for key operations and personnel management for the 1,300-employee organization. Her many accomplishments included creating the top-ranked childcare facility in Manatee County and developing the largest community health and wellness program within the HCA hospital system nationwide.

Veronica has extensive Board and governance experience. She currently serves on the board for the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation, the St. Stephen's Episcopal School Parents Association and is the Vice Chair of the Board at HCA Florida Sarasota Doctors Hospital and formerly was

a longtime member and former chair of the Sarasota Manatee Healthcare Collaborative and is a 2009 graduate of Leadership Manatee.

Outside of work, Veronica loves spending time with her husband and daughter, as well as home remodeling, kayaking, and big gatherings (where she doesn't have to cook!). Veronica was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and has lived and worked across the United States, from Boca Raton, Florida to Los Angeles, California before planting her roots in Lakewood Ranch, Manatee County.