

## **BECKY CANESSE**

Becky Canesse is the CEO of a nationally-acclaimed organization and its foundation established to help create a brighter future for children and inspire girls and young women toward achieving their full potential. Her work has been recognized with awards from the US Department of Education, US Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Florida's Department of Children and Families Positive Behavior Support Model Schools Awards, and the Governor's Best Practices Awards.

She is an alumna of Leadership Manatee and Leadership Tampa Bay, served on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board of Directors, is on the Tiger Bay Club's board of directors having served as its Treasurer, and the League of Women Voters' Education Committee.

Throughout her life she has been active in environmental advocacy and conservation, was a charter member of the Nature Conservancy, and is a member of the Sierra Club.

Church Women United, through its United Nations Office presented Mrs. Canesse with its Human Rights Award for her leadership and service as a mentor and social activist in human rights and human development.