



GERARD H. VENEMAN
PRESIDENT/CEO
THE CHILDREN'S HOME, INC.



Gerard H. Veneman has been President and CEO for The Children's Home, Inc. since June 2000. He is accountable to fulfill The Children's Home mission of creating opportunities for children to be successful, valued, and respected, in safe and nurturing families.

Veneman has the overall responsibility of managing the staff of approximately 215 employees and The Children's Home budget of more than \$14.5 million. Under his direction, more than 3,800 children and families receive comprehensive care through a variety of programs and services, including Residential Treatment, Adoption and Foster Care Services, Community-Based Care/Case Management, Kinship Care and the Family Support and Resource Centers. Moreover, he is the official spokesman of The Children's Home.

Veneman has over 20 years of leadership experience for social service organizations. He was formerly executive director for Chin's Up Youth and Family Services for 11 years and director of Patient and Family Services of Penrose Hospital for 10 years, both located in Colorado Springs. He is recognized as a champion of collaboration who advocated for a continuum of care for children and families with adversity. In fact, because of his knowledge and expertise in this area, he continues to play a leadership role in community-based care for Hillsborough County.

He received his bachelor's degree with a double major in psychology and social work in 1974 and his master's degree in social work in 1976 from the University of Wisconsin. While a student, he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army Aviation and was a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War, putting his college career on hold.

Veneman is involved in several professional organizations including the Vietnam Veteran's Helicopter Association, Child Welfare League of America, and the National Association of Social Workers. In 2002 he was appointed Affiliate Instructor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, University of South Florida College of Medicine. He is past president of the Colorado Association of Family and Children's Agencies, the Austin Bluffs Sertoma Club and the Colorado South Chapter, National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Born in Aruba, Dutch West Indies, Veneman enjoys golf, dancing, and reading during his spare time. He is married with three sons.

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