



Anne LeBaron
CEO
Take Stock in Children

Anne LeBaron, a distinguished and highly esteemed figure in her community, has been a driving force behind Take Stock Manatee since her involvement in 2014. Over the years, she has played integral roles, serving as the Chair of the Community Council and as a dedicated Board member, ultimately assuming the role of Chief Executive Officer in 2019.

In that pivotal year, Anne embraced the position of Chief Executive Officer with a visionary goal: to expand the program and provide support to 100 students annually. Her profound passion for the organization's mission and a strong sense of responsibility towards the underserved in the community have propelled Take Stock Manatee towards unprecedented growth. Scholarship offerings increased from 25-30 annually to an impressive 96 this year, and her unwavering commitment and strategic vision may even propel the program to achieve the coveted 100-student milestone this year.

Anne's dedication extends beyond traditional responsibilities; she fervently commits herself to imparting life skills, financial literacy, social proficiency, and career opportunities to students through the organization's Mentoring Matters initiative. Actively involving local volunteers, she orchestrates not only fundraising initiatives but also collaborative efforts to address these essential skills, ensuring students have access to mental health services through the program. This mentor program, grounded in community engagement, ensures a personalized and comprehensive educational approach, fostering a sense of community and mentorship that transcends traditional learning methods.

In addition to her CEO role, Anne actively engages in mentorship herself, providing invaluable guidance to two scholars. Notably, one of her mentees graduated in May 2022 after nine years under her tutelage, and she has mentored a total of seven individuals throughout her time with Take Stock Manatee. Anne's mentorship extends beyond the individual level; she serves as a pillar of support for the entire organization, embodying an unwavering dedication to the success and development of Take Stock Manatee. Her leadership is characterized by vision, passion, and a relentless commitment to breaking barriers for educational success, resonating not only with scholarship recipients but permeating the entire fabric of Take Stock Manatee, shaping a brighter future for the community it serves.