Council Member Jackie Gary Clarke Biography

Jackie Clarke is a lifelong resident of Indiantown, FL. She attended Warfield Elementary School, Indiantown Middle School, Martin County High School, and Indian River State College. Jackie currently works for the Florida Department of Health in the Martin County Department of Disease Control.

Jackie has always enjoyed serving her community in many capacities, including serving on the board of Indiantown Non-Profit, chairing the Indiantown Lion’s Club, and partnering with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Martin County-Indiantown, among others. In keeping with her spirit of community service, one of Jackie’s most treasured accomplishments is founding the non-profit Indiantown Community Outreach in 2000, to connect residents of her community to needed resources. Examples of her work with Indiantown Community Outreach include the annual Back to School Bash, annual Breast Health Walk-a-Thon fundraiser, prenatal services outreach partnerships, domestic violence education campaigns, and community health fairs. Under Jackie’s leadership, Indiantown Community Outreach has been awarded grants from esteemed organizations such as the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Honda Classic Charitable Foundation, and the Florida Department of Hope. Additionally, through Jackie’s long-standing relationships with local individuals, businesses and organizations, Indiantown Community Outreach continues to be supported by generous donations.

Jackie’s educational and training accomplishments include Marketing Operations and Business Management Certificates from Indian River State College. Additionally, Jackie is a Certified Community Health Worker (CCHW) through the Florida Certification Board and has worked as a Certified HIV/AIDS Instructor for the American Red Cross.

Jackie remains humbled to have been recognized by her peers and her community over the years. In 2003, she received awards for Outstanding Community Services by the NAACP and Leadership of Distinction by New Hope Outreach. In 2013, she was recognized by Scripps News as a Community Health Champion. In 2014 she was recognized by the Martin County School Board, Career and Technical Business Partner of the Year for her work in Health Awareness and Fitness Nutrition Education. In 2015, she was recognized by Soroptimists International of Stuart as a Woman of Distinction in the Civic/Professional category. In 2019, the NAACP awarded Jackie the Pioneer Award. Jackie’s community affiliations include the Black Women’s Roundtable of the Treasure Coast, Faith in Florida, Prophetic Women Voices Initiative and Fishmen of Men Kingdom Ministry, Inc.
Jackie is excited and humbled for the opportunity to serve her community of Indiantown once again, this time in the capacity as an elected official. Jackie announced her candidacy for the Village of Indiantown Village Council in January 2018.

Jackie has been married to the love of her life, Sylvester Clarke, for 37 years. Together they have three children and two granddaughters, Bayleigh and Ava, A/K/A Toda and Juice Box.

In addition to her passion for serving her community, Jackie is strongly devoted to her Christian faith, and credits her relationships with God and her family for her strength.