

# Jackie Figueroa's Bio

Jacqueline Figueroa was born in Palma Soriano, Santiago de Cuba. She immigrated to the United States with her parents and brother at the age of sixteen. In Miami Florida, she attended Miami-Dade Community College and later the School of Journalism at Florida International University. After completing her internship at WFOR CBS 4 where she worked as a weekend intern, she moved to WSCV Telemundo 51 for another internship. There, she also worked during the weekends on different areas including the news desk making contacts with police and other organizations to arrange interviews for the reporters, as well as working in the field with the reporters to acquire knowledge and experience.

In 2002 WPMF TVC 74 offered her a position as news reporter, where she remained for two years. While at TVC, she covered a series of important events and interviewed well-known personalities both local and international. This gave her the training and professionalism. While covering local and national news, she also acted as a communication bridge between Cuban dissidents and the world through her program Cuba en la Noticia, where she had the chance to interview world-renowned dissidents such as Martha Beatriz Roque, Oswaldo Paya Sardinias, Elizardo Sanchez, and Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet among many others. In 2003 she covered Oswaldo Paya Sardinias visit to Miami.

On March 2006, Jackie joined WUVF Univision as a News Reporter and Community Affairs Coordinator. There she continued to cover local news as well as being the host for 'Enfoque Hispano', a local program.

Jackie is the vice president of the SW Florida Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, active member of the Board of Directors of Southwest Florida Crime Stoppers, and member of the Hodges University's Hispanic Institute and official spokesperson for United Way of Lee County.

Jackie is very proud to be able to reach the Hispanic community in Southwest Florida, not only covering news and events but providing useful information on a regular basis to improve the quality of life of this segment of the population. Recently, Jackie was with WDDT Telemundo 43 in SW Florida on her own community affairs program, Accion Hispana which started on June 2007.

On September 11th, 2008, Jackie Figueroa returned to her rightful home, WUVF Univision, to start a new era in the spanish television in Southwest Florida. With more local news and more useful information, Acción Hispana will continue to be the leading program for the Hispanic community in our area.

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the residents of Lee County, Florida, honored Jackie at their commission meeting for "her hard work, journalistic accomplishments, and outstanding commitment to the people of Lee County and Southwest Florida."

Currently Jackie host Accion Hispana and anchors the daily news breifs for WUVF. She lives in Cape Coral with her husband and their dog Muselina.