

Virginia A. Jacko - Highlights and Awards:

- 2019 South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Women's Society Network Advocacy Award
- 2019 Miami Rotary Distinguished Citizen Award
- 2019 Dr. Ramiro Collazo Outstanding Service Award, Miami Cuban Lions Club
- 2018 Plaza Health Network Foundation Women of Distinction and Caring
- 2018 Harvard Business Club of South Florida scholarship to participate in the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program "Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management"
- 2018 Lions International 2018 President's Leadership Award
- 2017 Dr. George L. Spelios 2017 Florida Leadership Award, The Able Trust
- 2017 *South Florida Business and Wealth* Apogee Award Miami CEO of the Year
- 2017 *Miami Herald Indulge*, November 2017 "Miami Movers" Visionary Leader
- 2017 American Cancer Society Inner Circle of 12 Honoree
- 2017 Miami Lighthouse recognized by *Miami New Times* as "Best of Miami" 2017 Charity.
- 2017 Comcast Newsmaker of the Week Interview
- 2016 Lions Clubs International Foundation Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for dedication to Humanitarian Services
- 2016 Miami Lighthouse Early Intervention Blind Babies Program named Children's Program of the Year by The Children's Trust
- 2016 Division of Blind Services 75th Anniversary, "Successful 75" Award" in recognition of accomplishments as former DBS vision rehabilitation client at Miami Lighthouse
- 2016 Fifty Shades of Pink Women's Breast Health Initiative, Miami Women Who Rock Award Recipient
- 2016 *South Florida Business Journal* Influential Business Women
- 2016 Miami Lighthouse recipient of Silver Medal in *Miami Today's* Gold Medal Awards
- 2016 Florida and Community Communication and Leadership Award, presented at Toastmasters District 47 Spring Leadership Luncheon
- 2015 Miami Lighthouse recognized as an organization, whose work is distinguished by leadership, innovation and achievement in community health in Florida at the Florida Blue Foundation's Sapphire Awards luncheon
- 2015 Beacon Council Award in the education service category
- 2014 Molina Health Care Community Champion Award
- 2014 AXA Advisors Businesswoman of the Year, Public Service/Non-Profit Professional category
- 2013 One of ten distinguished alums honored by Purdue University as an "Old Master"
- 2013 Most Valuable Non-Profit Award, Switchboard of Miami
- 2013 Featured in Spotlight on Excellence, "Lighthouse Slogan: It's possible to see without sight™," *Miami Today*, Week of Thursday, July 11, 2013
- 2013 Junior League of Miami "Women Who Make a Difference" Honoree
- 2012 Recipient of Bronze medal in *Miami Today's* Gold Medal Awards for Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program's service to thousands of underserved children in public schools
- 2012 Claude Pepper Memorial Award: Thelma Gibson Community Service Award
- 2012 Florida Women of Achievement Honoree
- 2012 Named Distinguished Alumni by the College of Health and Human Sciences and the HHS Alumni Association, Purdue University
- 2012 Featured in "Best of Committed Nonprofit Leaders Achieve Tangible Results," Best of Miami Section, *Miami Today*, week of Thursday, May 31, 2012
- 2011 Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program selected as winner of the *South Florida Business Journal's* Excellence in Healthcare Award in the community outreach and service to the poor and uninsured category
- 2011 Business Leader Media Women Extraordinaire award winner
- 2011 Comcast Newsmaker of the Week Interview
- 2010 Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Business Diamond Award
- 2010 Nancy Hughes Community Commitment Award presented at the Miami-Dade County Days Awards Luncheon at the state capitol
- 2009 Business Leader Media's Movers & Shakers Award
- 2009 Finalist, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Health Care Heroes Award in the category of Community, Government and Organizational Collaborations
- 2009 Women of Leadership Award, South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- 2009 Miami-Dade County Parks, In the Company of Women Award, Outstanding Woman in Health and Human Services
- 2008 Health Foundation of South Florida Concern Award
- 2008 AXA Advisory Business Woman of the Year, Public Service/Non-Profit category
- 2008 Quiet Storm Achiever Award, Women's Power Caucus, Not-for-Profit category
- 2007 *South Florida Business Journal* Woman of the Year in the Non-Profit Leader Category
- 2007 Comcast Newsmaker of the Week interview
- 2006 American Red Cross Sarah Hopkins Woodruff Spectrum Award
- 2006 Horizon Award, Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLN)
- 2005 Apollo Award Recipient, "In recognition of extraordinary commitment and devotion to Guiding Eyes for the Blind and guide dog users everywhere," Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc., Yorktown Heights, New York
- 2005 Featured Newsmaker, *Miami Today*, September 8, 2005
- 2005 Metro & State feature, *Miami Herald*: "Lighthouse for Blind Gets Sightless Chief," April 4, 2005