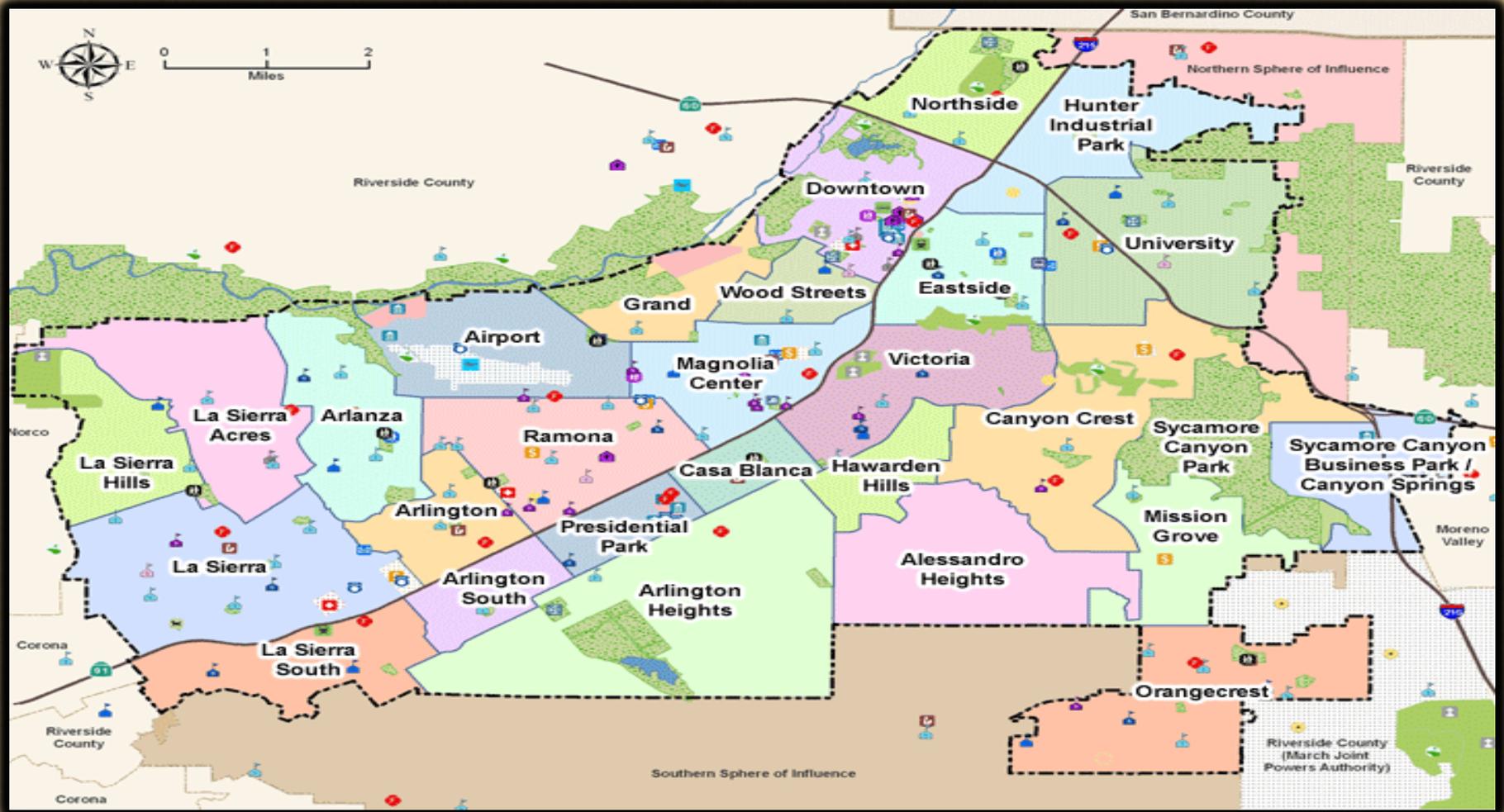




2017 NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS

We are better.... together ...



The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP) is a City sponsored group whose mission is to encourage and facilitate the formation of neighborhood associations city-wide.

The RNP mission is to **inform & organize** neighbors to become engaged and **advocate** for their shared community vision.

Our goal: neighborhoods should be known, as they want it to be known



The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP)

began in 1995 when Mayor Ron Loveridge and the City Council organized the 1st Neighborhood Conference

Recognition of neighborhood champions began in 1996 with the

Jack B Clarke Good Neighbor Award

Today we also recognize neighbors in two other categories:

NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

NEIGHBORHOOD HERO



The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP) received over 20 nominations for these Neighborhood Awards

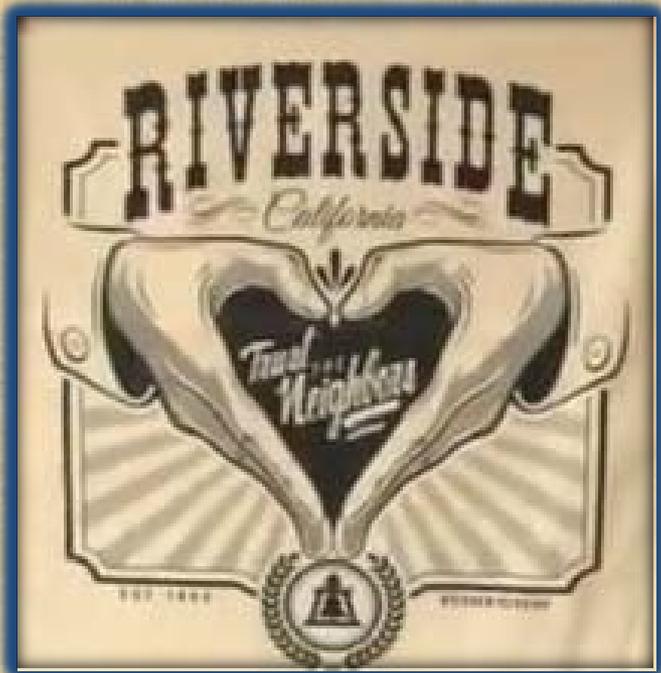
Jack B Clarke Good Neighbor  **Neighborhood Spirit**  **Neighborhood Hero**

HERE ARE THEIR STORIES

NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

This recognition is for that group in your neighborhood that fosters connections, creates opportunities for people to get to know each other, and shares the skills and talents of the neighbors for the benefit of the community.

They are quick to share what they love about their neighborhood.



THE NOMINEES ARE...

NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

DNNW (Downtown North Neighborhood Watch)

“Raincross Radio (podcast)”

The neighborhood watch group -- Downtown North Neighborhood Watch started in response to a long time problem home in their neighborhood. Their success and organization, soon inspired other neighbors to set up their own watch area. There are now SIX watch groups under the DNNW umbrella ! Not satisfied that they were reaching enough neighbors with their watch groups, one of their founding members, set up a recording “studio” in his home and started an online audio podcast under the name **RAINCROSS RADIO**.

To date, they have **produced 9 podcasts** on everything from neighborhood security , homelessness in Downtown and a shout out to **“Taking it to the streets w/Lori & Shira”**



NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

UK (UNIVERSITY KNOLLS)

“TRN – Trap Neuter Release (feral cats)”

A group of UK neighbors came together to address a problem that developed when several feral cats moved into two backyards and began to reproduce. Neighbors joined forces to control the population and feed the starving cats. They also **helped educate** those neighbors who didn't know what to do about the feral cats in their yards. In the process, they got to know our neighbors better and enjoyed **working together as a team to solve the problem**. They gained an understanding of the need for humane trapping and neutering of stray and feral cats. They continue to feed and provide shelter for their “community” cats and have renamed their street “**Cat Lovers Lane**”.



NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT RIVERSIDE WOMAN'S CLUB "GENTLY USED CLOTHING SALES EVENT"

The Riverside Woman's Club started in 1896 as the first community group in Riverside. Every year the RWC collects used clothing and has a \$2.00 per item sale in August. Proceeds are used for RUSD Student Scholarships, programs at Mt. Rubidoux Manor, Camp Anza, and Operation SMILE, to name just a few..... Unsold clothing is donated to local domestic violence programs. Their website www.riversidewomansclub.com has more information about their impact in Riverside.

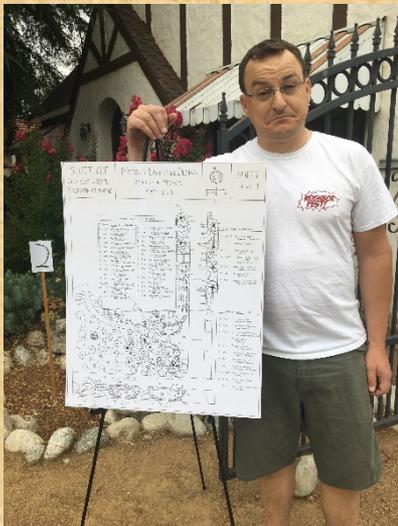


NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

**Wood Streets Green Team NOWS (neighbors of the wood streets)
HWSA (historic wood streets association)**

“NEIGHBOR FEST – BLOCK PARTY”

In partnership with “**NED**” – the **Neighborhood Engagement Division**, three Wood Streets neighborhood groups came together to organize a neighborhood block party, **Neighbor Fest** event. Hundreds of neighbors came out to have a little fun, meet with friends and neighbors to learn more on how to keep their neighborhood known as they want it to be known. RPD & neighborhood watch, RUSD & neighborhood schools, water wise planting and water conservation, neighbors teaching neighbors on how to organize and neighborhood yard sale, or how to assist neighbors in an emergency (CERT).



NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

THIS RECOGNITION GOES TO ...



**RAINCROSS RADIO PODCAST
DOWNTOWN NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

This recognition is for the person who does not live in your neighborhood and may not even live in Riverside, but has devoted their time, energy, passion, and skills, to help your neighborhood become a special place.

This can be anyone you feel has gone above & beyond for the betterment of your neighborhood and our community.

THE NOMINEES ARE...



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

Alec Gerry

Alec Gerry, and the **Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group** worked for over a year with the developer and the City on a **1.4 million sq ft mega warehouse** project that was being proposed for the Sycamore Highlands business park that was in conflict with the **“Good Neighbor Guidelines”** and questions on the environmental impact to their neighborhood.. **Alec outreached to multiple neighborhood groups** who have dealt with the protection of open space (La Sierra Prop R & Measure C), warehouse development (Northside), and using as last resort legal action to protect their neighborhood (University Neighborhood student housing – overlay zone). This effort to do what it takes, **to never give up**, in order to **protect the quality of life for his neighbors** is a great **example of leadership and advocacy** we can all hope to emulate throughout the City.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

FRANKIE HENRY

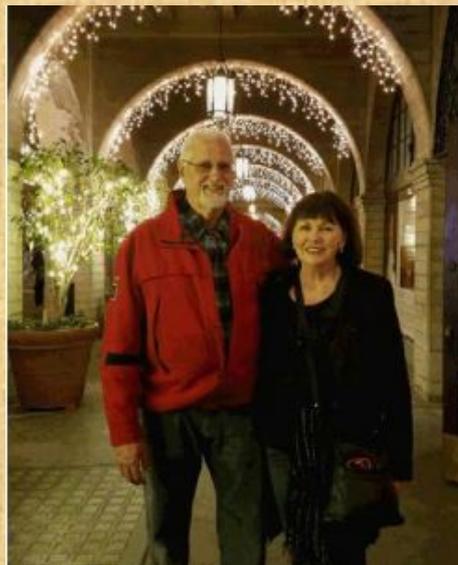
Frankie is a Neighborhood Hero in at least **three Riverside Neighborhoods; La Sierra South, Downtown and Northside**. Frankie is an asset to any neighborhood. She has helped coach **Reid Park** Cheerleaders, decorated, photographed, served food and helped supervise the annual Reid Park Father/Daughter Dance for the last three Years. Frankie's neighborly service is not limited to Reid Park, however. She volunteers monthly at **Grandview Baptist Church's** food bank, and volunteers at the **Empire Performance studio** in Riverside, helping backstage with makeup and costuming. Frankie Henry is a **Freshman at Hillcrest High School** and a member of Hillcrest's Black Student Union. She currently maintains a **4.0 GPA**.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

Lynn & Keith Matthews

For the past 3 1/2 years, Lynn and Keith have been trapping feral (untamed) cats around Riverside at a variety of locations, including the Sears parking lot. They **donate their time and money** to ensure that feral cats are fed, neutered and given vaccines, flea medicines, and medical care if needed. They have neutered more than 200 cats each year, preventing the birth of many thousands more. Lynn and Keith help Riverside TNR (Trap-Neuter and Release) to **train others in the process and in the humane treatment of urban cats** that are domesticated animals and reliant of humans for their health and survival. Recently they trapped 40 cats at one home, and with two vans, drove them to **Fix Nation** in Burbank to have all 40 neutered, given vaccines, and treated as needed.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

NICK MELQUIADES

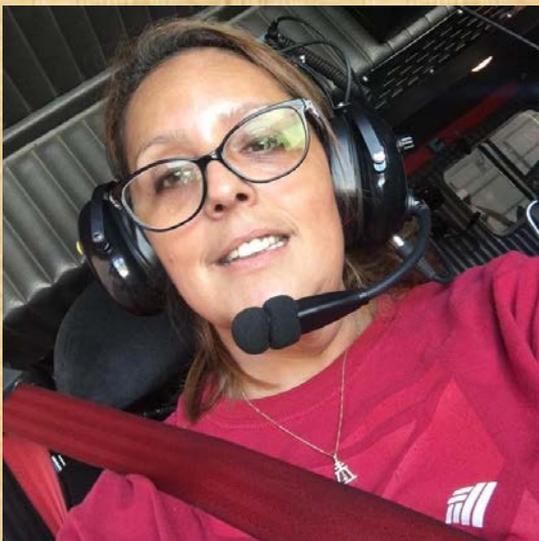
Nick has been active with the **Wood Streets Green Team** since their beginning. He is also a founder of the **Riverside Food Co-op**, serves on the advisory board for the **Riverside Food Systems Alliance**, and coordinates with and supports farmers and community gardens. Nick is currently helping to plan the “next steps” meeting for **G.R.E.E.N. | Greater Riverside Environmental Engagement Network**, an outgrowth of the Green Riverside Leadership Summit and Green Fest. He has helped build a partnership for the Riverside Food Co-op with Kiva Zip, a crowdfunding community that makes **local, national and international micro-loans**. With Kiva Zip, funds have been raised to help local farmers. Currently, Nick is working towards creating a **food hub for Inland Empire growers**.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

ANA MIRAMONTES

Ana Miramontes is the definition of a good neighbor. Not only is she an active member of the community by attending the weekly City Council meetings, **president of the La Sierra Business Council**, active member of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce, she runs a social media group of over 115,000 Riverside residents. Ana's group "**What's Going on in Riverside County?**" is often the solitary forum for municipal and county information for many residents during this age of technology and instantaneous news. Ana ensures that **the group remains respectful, produces only true and factual information**, and represents all areas and aspects of Riverside.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

DAWN PIA

Dawn gives tirelessly to the **RAA Riverside Arts Academy** located at the Cesar Chavez Complex on the Eastside. Dawn retired from the Parks and Recreation and Community Services Department after a career that spanned 41 years.

For the past 4 years with RAA as a volunteer she has fundraised, organized meetings with parents. She listened to concerns from staff and parents and handled issues with diplomacy and kindness. Dawn is a master of multi-tasking and the **“let’s get it done attitude”**. Whether it is **organizing a membership drive**, writing grants to maintain and grow music & art classes, assisting donors with help on deliveries, selling locker plaques, helping **organizing our Gala and Instrument Drive** or cooking the delicious foods for our events, she has her mark on it! She demonstrates an **unwavering commitment to the Eastside Kids!**



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

LARRY RIOS

Larry Rios is a 93-year old boxing trainer in Riverside's Eastside. He's been working at Lincoln Boxing Club which he founded **for over 45 years**. He is dedicated to **helping all youth in Riverside** through boxing. Larry was recently recognized by the Mayor and Ward 2 representative Andy Melendrez at the October 25, 2016 City Council meeting with a **City of Riverside Proclamation of Appreciation**

The Lincoln Boxing Club is located at the RUSD Lincoln Continuation High School located at 14th Street & Victoria Parkway.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO



**THIS RECOGNITION
GOES TO ...**

LARRY RIOS

JACK B CLARKE GOOD NEIGHBOR

This recognition is for that person who's quick with a smile makes time to listen and can always be counted on for help. Their passion, skills and gifts are shared willingly with the community.

Their contributions help make your neighborhood a special place.

This recognition was established in 1996 to commemorate the late Ward 2 Councilman Jack B. Clarke, Sr.'s vision of building neighborhood relationships and bringing neighborhoods together for the betterment of the City of Riverside

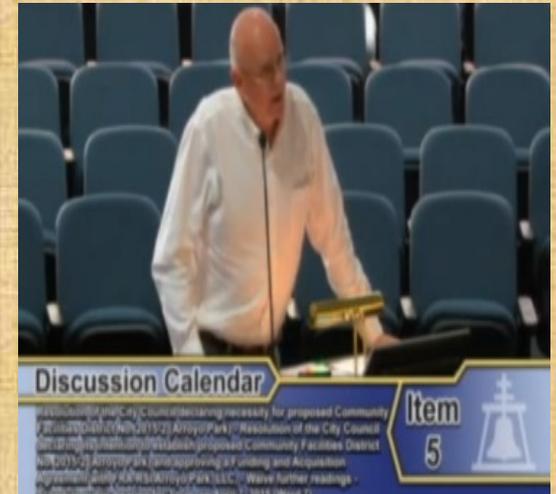
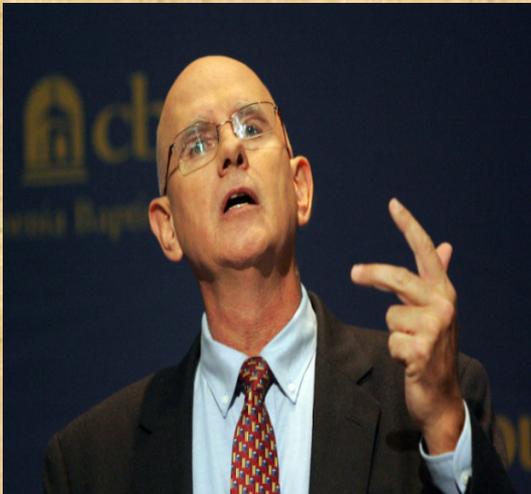
THE NOMINEES ARE...



Jack B Clarke | Good Neighbor

SCOTT ANDREWS

Scott has devoted his life to **improving the quality of life** for all residents in the City of Riverside. As the Chairman of **Lana Riverside**, Scott has promoted and put on various public information workshops/meetings. He serves time in the **Arlanza Community Garden** as President and for the La Sierra Senior Center Advisory Council. He has **worked tirelessly** to protect and fight for environmental justice for the Ag Park Families Inc./Ag Park Toxic Spill victims. Scott is an all-around good man and **represents what a good neighbor** should be: caring, honest, respectful, trustworthy, and dependable. Scott has served on the RNP Board, including a term as the Board Chair.



Jack B Clarke | Good Neighbor

LINDA BAKER

Linda is active in her community of neighbors, friends and co-workers at AUSD – Norte Vista HS. Using her own time, resources and funds she annually creates a graduating senior list that she affectionately calls her **“Lovely Linda’s Senior List”** which she presents to every senior at graduation. Yearly she organizes an event which she named **“Old Fogi” Novi Luncheon** and brings together those who have served the community’s children at Norte Vista High School, collectively, for several generations. Linda is also one of the **founding member of the La Sierra neighborhood group – RRR**. The RRR Ice Cream Social held on **National Night Out**; this would not happen without Linda's efforts to host this event at her house. Linda is currently a member of the RNP Board and an active member of the Riverside Concert Band.



Jack B Clarke | Good Neighbor

LORNA JENKINS

Lorna is always there for our neighbors. She is a sought after sage in our neighborhood with many of our **neighbors seeking her out for help and advice**. For the last two years she has organized the National Night Out in August at our home. Her love for our neighbors and her organizational skills have made our National Night Out the largest attended NNO in the city of Riverside.

In addition, she has taken on organizing our Orangecrest neighborhood into **forming a Neighborhood Watch**. Perhaps most importantly, Lorna works countless hours through her non-profit; My Learning Studio, to ensure Riverside Foster Youth receive the **school tutoring** the need. She has been instrumental in making sure these often forgotten youth are not lost in the system when it comes to doing well in school.



Jack B Clarke | Good Neighbor

ROBIN VON KOEHE & LESLIE CHANDLER

For the past several years, this **sister team** arrives at the Magnolia Police Station every month to help set up for the **La Sierra RRR meeting**. They have **taken ownership** of the sign-in / registration table, setting up the tables and chairs in the room, putting on tablecloths, setting up the plates, silverware, cups and food and helping with the decorating. They are always there no matter what...!. Prior to the meeting, they **coordinate the “telephone tree”** to call all RRR members to remind them of the meeting and the agenda for the month. They have been so motivated by RRR that they organized and **ran their own neighborhood event** for this year’s for National Night Out.



Jack B Clarke | Good Neighbor

JEFFREY NORMAN

Jeff always has a smile on his face and goes out of his way to try and help people in the neighborhood. He is active with the Orangecrest Tiny Tot's Kid's soccer program, the Calvary Presbyterian Church, and with the neighborhood National Night Out event.

He is friendly and helpful. He is a gem for our neighborhood!



Jack B Clarke | Good Neighbor

TEMOTHY PARSONS

Tem is always there for our neighborhood. He helps several elderly couples in our area by fixing anything and everything he can that they need done. Anytime Tem sees a neighbor working on their house he offers a hand or his tools.

He is always there to help whether it is fixing something, moving something, or there to talk to when you need a shoulder to lean on from time to time.

Tem is also a **regular volunteer** at our local animal shelter. This man truly cares about his neighbors and his neighborhood



Jack B Clarke | Good Neighbor

DEAN RUSSELL

Anytime anyone in the neighborhood needs helping gardening, electrical, plumbing problems. Moving things around or to watch the house while they are away. They call Dean Russell. He is **reliable, trustworthy, and the friendliest man** you will ever meet. You can often find him outside just talking to the neighbors, Catching up on their lives, and kids. Dean is just a joy to be around.

Dean has been a **teacher at the California School for the Deaf for over 40 years.**



Jack B Clarke | Good Neighbor

VIVIAN STANCIL

Vivian is very active in the **Eastside neighborhood**. Her foundation provides swimming lessons to seniors, children and people with disabilities. She was the **first blind teach in California – Long Beach School District**. Vivian recently received a Riverside Small Sparks grant for a community building event for her neighborhood held in August for National Night Out. Vivian is also currently serving on the Riverside Commission on Disabilities.

She is a living example of the importance of having hope for a happier, healthier future no matter what age you are or how many challenges you face.



Jack B Clarke | Good Neighbor

Anthony Zamora

Tony and his wife, Marisol, organize, post signs for our **University Neighborhood Association** meetings every month in addition to our “**Meet the Neighbors**” meetings held at multiple homes in the community. He is not only the resource but a bridge between the community and the city and UCR officials including the police department. It is because of Tony and his wife, those of us have been living in this neighborhood for over 30 years are able maintain a clean, safe, friendly and orderly environment despite the hundreds of UCR students living in our midst.

** Note: Anthony & Marisol were recognized in 2014 for this award*



JACK B CLARKE | GOOD NEIGHBOR

THIS RECOGNITION GOES TO ...



LINDA BAKER

**THANK YOU TO OUR RNP CHAIR & THE N.E.D. TEAM
FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK & LEADERSHIP
FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THIS PAST YEAR**



**RNP Chair Adriana Sandoval
with Linda Baker**



**N.E.D. Team
Led by Yvette Sennewald**

**...AND A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
NOMINATED FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO & THE
EXAMPLE YOU SET IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

SALUTE...!





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