

## Lalita Mascarenhas Janke

Prior to locating to Indian River County from Broward County, Lalita owned her own Financial Planning Agency, holding licenses in Insurance and Investments as well as Real Estate. She and her husband, relocated to Indian River County in 1998 and since then she has been active in the community. The following is an overview of her accomplishments in Indian River County

- 1998 Vice -President, Operations, Medical Centers of S. Florida
- 2000 Vice President, Operations, America's Health Choice Medical Plans
- 2005 Co-Founder and President Medical Resources LLC
- 2016 -2019 Co-Founder and Vice President, Medical Affiliates of South Florida
- In 2012, while Board President of the Substance Awareness Center of Indian River County, Lalita was instrumental in providing two residential homes to shelter women.
- From 2012 to 2018, she served as Board President and Interim Exec. Director of Camp Haven, Inc., a transitional home providing shelter and education to men committed to rising out of homelessness.
- In 2003 she sat on the Indian River Hospital District Board.
- She initiated the Pathways to Freedom program at Hibiscus Children's Center to coach foster children toward their college education.
- From 2005 to 2010 Lalita served on the Board of Trustees for FAU. Since then, she has sat on the Advisory Board of the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters and supports its program in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies as well as the University's Peace, Justice and Human Rights Initiative.
- From 2011 to 2024 She has been on the Board of UN Women U.S.A. She was President for two terms and traveled internationally in support of Women's issues.
- For her community involvement, Lalita was honored as the Junior League of Indian River County's 2014 Woman of the Year as well as Volunteer of the Year.
- In 2017 FAU honored Lalita for her positive influence on the growth of the University in "Legacy makers: 100 Women of Distinction at Florida Atlantic University."

An entrepreneur at heart, in 1980 Lalita opened her own financial planning service company, after having earned her degree summa cum laude in Communications, from Nova University

She has published articles in the Sun-Sentinel and the South Florida Business Journal and has given talks and served as panelist regarding financial planning and health care.

Prior to moving to Indian River County Lalita Janke served as President of: Executive Women of Fort Lauderdale, the Association of Professional Saleswomen, and of the Association of Indians in America, South Florida Chapter, encompassing Miami, Broward and Palm Beaches.