

## Jackie “Marini” Adams



Jackie “Marini” Adams was born in West Virginia and raised in Detroit, Michigan before moving to Houston, Texas a teenager. As a student at Barbara Jordan High School she studied fashion merchandising and design. A work study program provided her the opportunity to gain experience in the retail industry which served as a seed for her ultimate path. She committed herself to excellence and set the standard for her life’s journey. Jackie “Marini” graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Grambling State University. She pursued endeavors as a scientist but longed to explore her creative side. Her deep routed skills in retail business management come to life and eventually the doors of Melodrama Boutique opened December 19, 2002. Melodrama is one of Houston’s premiere high fashion women’s clothing and accessories boutique. However, Melodrama Boutique is more than a women’s fashion boutique, it is a sisterhood, a weekend social extravaganza and a place for emerging businesses to

promote their services. The Melodrama Boutique mission is to empower women and build self esteem through fashion, entertainment, entrepreneurship and sisterhood. Melodrama’s vision has impacted young creative artisans and impacted the greater 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Community educationally and financially. Jackie “Marini” serves on the U of H Department of Consumer and Science Technology Advisory Board. She lectures annually to college students of the U of H and TSU universities on entrepreneurship and the benefits and obstacles of starting a business. Melodrama Boutique serves as a field grade class site for a U of H Merchandising class three times annually. Melodrama Boutique participates in over twenty five organizations and events throughout the greater Houston Community. Jackie has dedicated her life to making the mission of Melodrama Boutique and her life mission live in the lives of all young women who come into her sphere of influence.

## **2014 Community Service Award Recipients**

### **~ Central Region ~**

Rev. Anthony Ambidwile Carter  
Rev. Karen Migozo Taylor

### **~ Southwest Region ~**

Rev. Diana Anika Worthy

## **2013 Community Service Award Recipients**

### **~ Central Region ~**

Akua Budu-Watkins  
Barbara Nzapa McCarroll-Jones  
Bishop Walter Sele Chalmers  
Judy Abeo Neal -  
Mamie Zwadie King Chalmers -

### **~ Southwest Region ~**

Runyararo Fana

## **2012 Community Service Award Recipients**

### **~ Central Region ~**

Cardinal Diana Nilaja Stewart  
Cardinal Gary Muthamaki Bennett  
Lt. James Tacuma Ribbron

### **~ Southern Region ~**

Cardinal Justina Olubayo Dismuke  
Mwalimu Abasi  
Mwalimu Chikuyu  
Rosel J. Fann

### **~ Southwest Region ~**

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Norma Raawiya Thomas  
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## **2011 Community Service Award Recipients**

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Fundi Ewa Ife Omo Oba  
Stanley Mw. Olatunji Cotton

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**2010 Community Service Award Recipients**

**~ Central Region ~**

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Sis. Nireti  
Bro. Kojo (Anthony) Darden  
Mw. Diallo (William Brown)  
Mama Hanifa

**~Southern Region ~**

Bis. Maia Dakari (Velma Fann)  
Bro. Kariuki Uweso (Melvyn R. Burrow)

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Lt. Teketeke (Terri Dickerson)  
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**~ Central Region ~**

Cardinal Mbiyu William Moore  
Cardinal Rashida Mary Blackmon  
Cardinal Talibah Cynthia Stephens  
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Imani Melanie Roby  
Hon. Makunda Barbara Rose Collins  
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Bishop Kehinde Briggs

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**~ Southwest Region ~**

Ada Edwards  
Mw. Onyemachi Perry  
Roy Perry