

Cleveland, OH (May 5, 2019) – It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Dan Markson, Executive Vice President of Development for The NRP group and co-founder of the Texas office of The NRP Group in 2003.

“Our sympathy and prayers are with Dan’s family which he valued above all things. Dan leaves behind his four-year-old son, Maury, the love of his life. This is also an indescribable loss to NRP and a profound loss to the affordable housing industry overall. Dan delivered 30-years of unmatched creative leadership in affordable housing development and spearheaded the creation of over 20,000+ apartment homes that changed the lives of families across Michigan, Florida, Louisiana, and in the past 16-years, over 17,000 apartment homes in Texas alone,” commented J. David Heller, NRP Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer.



Said Mr. Heller, “Dan’s passion for creating top-quality housing for people of all incomes, and his efforts to add supportive services to improve the lives of vulnerable families – with novel concepts like “Homework First” and many other programs – have created an important catalyst to continued work in this area. The idea of combining affordable housing with supportive services was conceived to provide wider pathways of opportunity for residents of communities he developed. This is something that Dan pioneered.”

“Dan’s efforts in San Antonio have changed the face of our city,” said Texas State Senator Jose Menendez. “From the redevelopment of San Juan Homes, which included the demolition of decaying public housing and rebuilding of a mixed-income community, to the construction of the initial residential community at Brooks, to the building of Cevallos Lofts and Tobin Lofts at San Antonio College during the 2007 economic downturn, these developments have allowed neighborhoods to redefine themselves. All of these residential communities have provided the foundation for greater public and private investment which has led to more high quality, sustainable, affordable communities that have strengthened the neighborhoods in which they are found.”

“Dan was a lifetime learner of history and culture,” said his longtime colleague and NRP Vice President of Government Affairs, Debra Guerrero. “He committed his body and soul to his community, and his voluminous civic leadership tells his story.” In his professional pursuits, Mr. Markson brought these stories to life in each of the apartment communities NRP developed. Dan served as the national director of National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for the Greater San Antonio Builders Association. He served on the Federal Government Affairs and Housing Finance Committee of the NAHB and as a Director and President of the Texas Association of Affordable Housing Providers. He was a state director of the Texas Association of Builders (TAB) and 2003 Chairman of the TAB Multifamily Council. In addition, Dan was a trustee of the NAHB Multifamily Council, as well as a founder in 1994, and a chairman of the NAHB Housing Credit Group – a key advocate for Low Income Housing Tax Credits. He was past chair of the NAHB Multifamily Finance Sub-Committee and was reappointed as chair for 2010-11.

Dan was also deeply involved in his community. He offered tireless support for the Cesar E. Chavez Legacy & Educational Foundation, with full belief in the CECLEF mission: “We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community...”. Dan also served as a development advisor to the Board of Directors of Interfaith, a Rhode Island consortium of churches dedicated to providing low-income housing as well as a director of the nonprofit developer, Charlesview Inc. from 1981 to 1991. Dan was also a strong supporter and Board Member for the Southwest School of Art.

In the Jewish community, Dan was currently serving on the board of Temple Beth El San Antonio and is a former Board Member of the San Antonio Jewish Family Services. Dan was extremely proud of the fact that his lineage was a direct descendant of the Shiloh Hakodesh (Rabbi Isaiah Horowitz 1565-1630). Rabbi Horowitz was the Chief Rabbi of Prague in 1614 and Dan treasures a family book passed down from generation to generation. Dan continued to learn Torah and Talmud with his study partner Rabbi Chaim Block of Chabad San Antonio. Additionally, Dan was recently presented with Chabad’s 2018 Distinguished Community Service Award.

Mr. Heller summed up the feelings of Dan’s NRP family: “We will remember Dan for how he gave of himself in so many ways: from family man, to civic leader, to prolific real-estate developer, to persistent voice-of-the-underserved, to warm compassionate friend. In short, Dan was a bright light of hope and optimism to all who knew and loved him. We at The NRP Group are blessed to have been so deeply interwoven into Dan’s life; his experiences, his creativity, his persistence, his vision, and his passion. We are all the beneficiaries, and we cannot describe how important Dan has been to NRP and how profoundly we will miss him, and how hard we will work to keep the torch burning on his dream of providing homes that give people joy, hope, and opportunity.”

Service Details

The funeral and service for Mr. Markson will both be held at:

Monday, May 6, 2019 at 11:00AM
Temple Beth-El Memorial Park
1715 Austin Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78218

Following the service there will be a meal of consolation at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning, 14535 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Cesar Chavez Legacy and Educational Foundation, the Chabad Center for Jewish Life and Learning, and the Southwest School of Art (links shown below):

CECLEF: <https://ceclef.org>

Chabad Center: <https://www.jfsatx.org/community-directory/chabad-center-for-jewish-life-learning>

Southwest School of Art: <https://www.swschool.org>