

Dan Biederman: A Visionary Leader in Social Entrepreneurship

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Dan Biederman of Chappaqua is an amazingly successful small business entrepreneur who has been the catalyst for more quality of life improvements in our region than anyone I have ever met. He truly is a businessman who has made a positive difference in our lives.

Dan's been called this generation's Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American parks.

If like me, you spend time in Manhattan, you have personally benefited from Dan's amazing vision. Dan is co-founder and President of the non-profit Bryant Park Corporation (BPC). He helped transform a crime-ridden, drug-filled, dangerous midtown park behind the New York Public Library into a seven acre jewel and quiet haven for New Yorkers and tourists in midtown Manhattan.

Bryant Park is the largest project in the nation to apply private management backed by private funding to a public park. This project has been a tremendous success. I love Bryant Park and I have Dan and his partners to thank for it.

Dan also co-founded The Grand Central Partnership, The Chelsea Improvement Company and the 34th Street Partnership, all tremendously successful socially minded non-profits that have made NYC a better place to live.

Dan's consulting firm, Biederman Redevelopment Ventures (www.brvcorp.com) works with cities around the country to consult and bring improvements to their parks and downtown areas by using private funding... not city, state or taxpayer money. BRV Corp. also helps cities organize Business Improvement Districts to improve, manage and transform blighted areas into attractive, desirable areas where businesses want to locate and thrive.

BRV Corp's latest projects include the historic Boston Common, The Esplanade along the Charles River in Boston, South Street Station in Boston, Military Park in Newark, N.J. and the Woodall Rodgers Park in Dallas. He recently completed work on Rittenhouse Square, a landmark in Philadelphia. He has served as a consultant to downtown redevelopment / management projects in Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Atlanta, Miami, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and Newark, among other cities.

Dan is the recipient of the Manhattan Institute's first Lifetime Achievement Award for Social Entrepreneurship. This lifetime achievement award is presented annually to a non-profit leader who has found innovative, private solutions for America's most pressing social problems, and who has been both demonstrably effective and widely influential.

Dan Biederman truly walks the talk and cares. If you would like to let Dan know about a local park that needs help he told me that he would welcome hearing from you. You can contact Dan at Biederman Redevelopment Ventures Corp., 1120 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 4016 New York, New York 10036
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