

David Heller



David Heller is Jewish Federation of North America's National Campaign Chair.

Over the past 28 years, NRP has become one of the largest multifamily development, construction, and property management companies in the U.S. Since its founding in 1994, The NRP Group has developed more than 50,000 apartment homes and currently manages over 26,000 residential units across its fifteen-state footprint.

The NRP Group is consistently ranked in the Top 10 largest developers and builders in the U.S. by the National Multifamily Housing Council and by Affordable Housing Finance. The NRP Group is a winner of the National Association of Home Builders Multifamily Pillars of the Industry award for “Builder of the Year,” and a three-time recipient of the same award for “Development Firm of the Year.” The NRP Group has become the top multifamily developer in the U.S. that creates both affordable and market rate housing at national scale.

Prior to founding The NRP Group, Heller worked as a consultant for The Townsend Group where he was responsible for more than \$3.6 billion in real estate investments over a two-year period. Developments included office, industrial, retail, single family, and multifamily construction projects. Additionally, he was responsible for portfolio diversification, asset management, investment strategy and project underwriting. His clients included the State of Washington, the City of Milwaukee, United Mine Workers of America, Ohio Police and Fire, Los Angeles Police and Fire, and the City and County of San Francisco.

Heller then spent five years at Arthur Andersen & Co. in Chicago as a manager in the real estate consulting division. He performed feasibility studies and market analysis, created strategic plans, and audited real estate partnerships for clients including LaSalle Partners, VMS Realty Partners, First Chicago, and RREEF Funds.



A certified public accountant, Heller is a member of the AICPA. In addition, he serves on the executive committee and is past Chairman of the Housing Credit Group for the National Association of Home Builders. Heller serves on the advisory board for the Campaign for Affordable Housing and the editorial advisory board for Affordable Housing Finance magazine. He also serves as a board officer for Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Gordon Square Arts District, and the Housing Advisory Group. In 2010, Ernst & Young Cleveland recognized him as “Entrepreneur of the Year.”

Heller is deeply committed to community service and holds leadership positions in many civic organizations. In January 2009, the President of the United States appointed him to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. In addition, he serves on the board of University Hospitals. He joined the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund Board in 2008 and continued to serve after the board reappointed him in 2012, 2016 and 2020. He also serves on the boards of the Parkwood Corporation, United Way of Greater Cleveland, the Cleveland Foundation, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and the Dean’s Advisory Board for the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

Heller holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. In 2017, the university’s Ross School of Business honored him with the David D. Alger Alumni Achievement Award that recognizes alumni who have brought distinction to themselves, credit to the school, and benefit to their fellow citizens.

With a dedicated passion for education and higher learning, Heller has served on several university boards including the board of directors for Northeast Ohio Medical University where he served as chairman. Since 2016, he has also served on the boards of Cuyahoga Community College and currently serves on the Case Western Reserve University board.

Heller is greatly devoted to serving the Jewish community in Northeast Ohio. He has served on the Board of Trustees for Jewish Community Housing and Gross Schechter Day School. He was Board President of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, President of the Board of the Ohio Jewish Communities, and he chaired the Government Relations Committee at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. Following his role as Campaign Chair in 2013 and 2014, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland named Heller Board Chairman for the 2019-2022 term.

Heller lives in suburban Cleveland with his wife Rebecca. They have four children, Lindsey, Ben, Ellie and Sam.