



Biography for Mike Dilbeck

Mike Dilbeck, Founder and President of the RESPONSE ABILITY (RA) Project, also serves as President of BECK & CO., LLC*. As the founder of the RA Project, Mike dedicates himself fully to this life-changing initiative. Much of his time is spent as a professional speaker, trainer and aspiring author. He travels the country empowering others to not participate in bystander behavior and to make the difference they want to make.

Every year he speaks to thousands of college students and was named "Rookie of the Year" for CAMPUSPEAK (a speakers' agency) in 2011. Mike is also a member of the National Speakers Association. When he is not traveling, he works on expanding the RA Project and its new initiative he also founded – the Every|Day Hero™ Campaign. He also writes articles and blogs, conducts training and workshops, and appears in the media.

This journey began in 1990 after he served for two years as Assistant Executive Director for Sigma Nu International Fraternity and produced more than 20 video programs and two international conventions for it, Mike established a reputation for creating and producing effective and powerful video presentations and special events. After working with executives from other organizations, Mike realized there was a need for his particular skill set and expertise, thus BECK & CO. was founded to provide these high-end video/film and special event production services for its clients.

Mike has produced more than 60 educational, promotional and fundraising video presentations for clients and won numerous awards. The award-winning RESPONSE ABILITY Project launched in 2008 is the most recent and highly lauded project to date.

In 1998, Mike expanded his expertise and entered the world of non-profit fundraising, where he was instrumental in raising millions of dollars for people living with HIV/AIDS. He has served as the Director of the inaugural Texas AIDS Ride, Director of Special Events for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC), and Program Director for the National AIDS Marathon Training Program and for the inaugural year of TEAM TO END AIDS (T2) – both endurance training programs benefitting AFC. He most recently served as National Director for T2 and resigned in August 2011 to devote himself full-time to the RA Project and the Every|Day Hero Campaign.

On a personal note, Mike is single and lives in Chicago. He enjoys playing, tennis and biking, has run five marathons and three half marathons and cycled in 12 long-distance AIDS Rides around the country.

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