



# GENERAL CONTRACTORS WITH A REPUTATION BUILT ON RESULTS

DANTO BUILDERS HANDLES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BIG AND SMALL

Whether you're walking, driving or cycling through the bustling city of Fort Lauderdale, it's impossible to miss the sheer number of buildings in all shapes and sizes lining the busy streets. However, for the people who work and live here or are just visiting the famed Florida hotspot, it's not often one stops to consider the people who are to thank for constructing the many intricate and complicated structures we see in the city of Fort Lauderdale. One such company in particular, Danto Builders, has been working for decades with locals in the area to construct hundreds of different buildings from – quite literally – the ground up.

For the owners of Danto Builders, working in the construction industry has been a family affair from the very beginning.

“As a fourth generation builder, Craig first got his start in the industry with his family back in Michigan before moving to Florida about 40 years ago,” said co-owner Debbie Danto.

“Then we got married about 15 years ago and that was when I joined the business which is now Danto Builders. We have a wonderful equal partnership where Craig is the creative one and I'm the analytical one. So, it works really well.”

At Danto Builders, the couple and their team provide general construction for many substantial commercial properties such as restaurants, healthcare and other businesses throughout South Florida as well as oversee construction management for larger construction projects.

“We may be a smaller company but we are more than capable of handling the largest and most challenging projects,” Debbie said. Their capacity for completing a variety of large scale projects can be seen through their design build service which involves working with their clients on projects from start to finish.

“We are general contractors but we love to do design builds which involves working with our clients from the very beginning,” she said. “During a design build, we collaborate with the designer and architect at each step of the process which makes it an easier and more cost effective process for the client. We even own an engineering firm so we have in house resources for that as well.”

During some projects, the team at Danto Builders has even helped clients at the beginning stages of their business decide on things like a name for their company. “I've seen Craig come up with some really creative names for our clients' businesses,” she said.

Aside from directly influencing the design of many of Fort Lauderdale's buildings, giving back to the community they work in is also especially important to the two. Debbie, who is on the board of the Florida Design and Construction Professionals, started a charitable event six years ago for Special Olympics that has become successful and beneficial for the organization. Currently, they are also looking to do the same for the Boys and Girls Club of America's local branch.

“We like being part of the community and giving back. At the end of the day, we hope to become friends with everyone we work and collaborate with in the community,” she said.



Debbie and Craig Danto of Danto Builders



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