

Chestnut Hill Conservancy Welcomes Financial Leader Will Bishop as New Board Member and Treasurer

Philadelphia, PA — The Chestnut Hill Conservancy is pleased to announce the appointment of Will Bishop as the newest member of its Board of Directors, stepping into the role of Treasurer. With an impressive 28-year career in wealth management as a Managing Director and Private Wealth Advisor for Bishop, Smith & Associates, Will brings financial expertise and a lifelong appreciation of history to the Conservancy's mission of preserving and celebrating Chestnut Hill's rich heritage.

A native of Northwest Philadelphia, Will grew up in a Victorian home on Germantown's historic Coulter Street, where he developed a passion for the architecture and legacy of historic neighborhoods. He attended Germantown Friends School before earning his BA in History at Trinity College. His dedication to preservation began with an internship at Connecticut's Antiquarian and Landmark Society, an organization dedicated to protecting the state's historic sites. Since then, he has actively supported his alma mater, Germantown Friends School, by serving on the Advancement Committee and as a class agent. Will's appreciation for history and architecture aligns seamlessly with the Conservancy's mission, and he sees his role on the board as an opportunity to contribute in meaningful ways beyond his professional sphere.

In his new role as Treasurer, Will will lend his expertise in financial stewardship to support the Conservancy's ongoing initiatives, ensuring its resources are managed for maximum impact and long-term sustainability. He will guide the organization's financial strategy as it continues to expand its conservation efforts, educational programs, and community events, all aimed at preserving the character and vitality of Chestnut Hill and its surrounding areas.

Will's addition to the board strengthens the Conservancy's ability to advocate for preservation and engage the community. "We are excited to welcome Will to our board," said Eileen Javers, Board President. "His financial expertise, combined with his passion for history and dedication to preserving our community's unique character, will be invaluable as we continue our mission."

For more information on the Conservancy's mission and initiatives, please visit chconservancy.org.

About the Chestnut Hill Conservancy

The Chestnut Hill Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the historical, architectural, and cultural resources and the open spaces that define the character of Chestnut Hill and surrounding communities in the Wissahickon watershed. Founded over 55 years ago to protect and celebrate the area's historic architecture, since 1990, it has protected over 105 acres of land through its easement program as the nation's first urban accredited land trust. The Conservancy houses a professionally maintained archive with over 52,000 items accessible to the public and engages the community through educational programs, advocacy, and events. The organization has also documented

thousands of structures, contributing to Chestnut Hill's designation as a National Historic District. Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Saturday 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. 8708 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118 | 215-247-9329 | <u>https://chconservancy.org/</u>

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