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**Front Door Agency Welcomes 7 Local Professionals to its Board of Directors**

**NASHUA, NH**, (July 20, 2022) – The Front Door Agency welcomed seven local professionals to its Board of Directors this month and elected officers for fiscal year 2022-23. New Board Members include: Derek Bruinooge (Eaton & Berube Insurance), Shane Cochran (Systems Engineering), Officer John Goodridge (Nashua Police Department), Paige Hultman (Purple Finch Properties), Donna Robinson (Melanson CPAs), Dr. Tim Scherer (Southern NH Health), and Kathy Whitaker (BAE Systems).

The Front Door Agency is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary serving Greater Nashua. Since 1987, it has helped local families avoid and overcome homelessness. The Agency recently adopted a new strategic plan, and new board members will bring a diverse mix of experience, skills and insight to further the Agency's mission.

**Derek Bruinooge** is an Account Executive with Eaton & Berube Insurance Agency. Derek has been working for Eaton & Berube Insurance Agency since 2019 helping businesses address their insurance needs. Prior to joining Eaton & Berube, Derek was a Social Worker and Investigator for the Department of Children and Families in Lowell, MA. Derek also worked for Crotched Mountain Foundation as a Residential Counselor assisting children with behavioral disabilities. Derek grew up in Hollis, NH and graduated from Saint Anselm College in 2014. He is an avid golfer and enjoys basketball, skiing, and woodworking. He resides in Wilmington, MA with his wife and their dog.

**Shane Cochran** is a Senior Business Developer at Systems Engineering where he consults with clients on technology road mapping, data security planning, IT compliance and vendor management. He serves on his organization's ESOP Communication Committee where he is responsible for articulating the importance of their Employee Stock Ownership Program, coordinating employee orientations, and driving employee ownership culture. Shane is a Manchester native, and resides there with his partner, Katie, and their three children. He enjoys spending time with his children, supporting their involvements with school and extracurricular activities.

**Officer John Goodridge** is a veteran law enforcement officer with more than 14 years of service with the Nashua Police Department. In 2020, John was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Prior to that, he worked as a detective in the Criminal Investigations, Special Investigations, and Narcotics Intelligence Divisions. During this time, John worked in a small team to investigate felony level crimes in Nashua. He has been a Field Training Officer throughout his career. In 2013, John was assigned as a Cadre to the New Hampshire Police Academy where he was responsible for training new recruits from across the state. John is currently a supervisor on the Nashua Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team, which connects individuals experiencing mental health crisis to appropriate community resources. John graduated from Bowdoin College in 2007 where he was the captain of the Men's basketball team. John now volunteers his time helping to coach his three children in youth sports.

**Paige Hultman** is a Real Estate Agent with Purple Finch Properties. After attending Keene State College she returned to Nashua and spent more than 25 years in hospitality management and property management with Penuche's, Inc. Paige acquired her real estate license in 2017 and became a member of The Nashua Rotary Club in 2018. Paige, her husband, and stepson live near downtown Nashua and enjoy camping and traveling.



**Donna Robinson** lives in Litchfield, NH and is a CPA with Melanson CPAs. In addition to serving on the Front Door Agency's Board of Directors, she serves as Co-Chairperson on The Huntington at Nashua Board of Trustees and serves on the Board of Trustees for Silverstone Living. She is Chair of the Finance and Investment Committees at both The Huntington at Nashua and Silverstone Living. In the past, she also served as Chairperson of the Hunt Community Board of Trustees Finance and Investment Committee. She is currently the Treasurer for the Rotary Club of Nashua and is a past President of the NH Society of CPAs, past Treasurer of Bridges, and has lectured at the Southern NH University's fraud program.

**Dr. Tim Scherer** is the current Chief Medical Officer for Southern NH Health and Southern NH Medical Center. His specialty is gastroenterology and he has won many awards in his field. Prior to joining Southern Medical Center, Tim was the Medical Director for Dartmouth Hitchcock in Nashua. Tim lives in Hollis with his two children. He is excited to join the board and dedicate more time to supporting his community.

**Kathy Whitaker** was educated in the Hudson NH school system and graduated from Wellesley College (BA) and UMass Lowell (MS). She has worked for BAE Systems and its heritage companies (Sanders Associates, etc.) for her entire engineering career. She is currently the Manager of Engineering Governance and Process. Kathy lives in Hollis with her husband of 37 years. They are parents of four young adults. They enjoy traveling and hiking.

The Agency is excited to announce this year's elected officers:

Chris Wilcox, President (Lowell Five Bank)

Rob Shaw, President-Elect (Texas Instruments)

Melissa Swidler, Vice-President (SWI Designs)

Carol Connor, Secretary (Retired, Front Door Agency)

John Chase, Treasurer (Retired, BAE Systems)

For more information about the Front Door Agency's Board of Directors, visit [www.frontdooragency.org](http://www.frontdooragency.org).

### **About the Front Door Agency**

Last year, the Front Door Agency assisted nearly 1,000 people in Greater Nashua through its core programs including Transformational Housing for single mothers, Financial Literacy, a Holiday Program, and a Housing Stability Program offering assistance with rent, utilities, security deposit loans and permanent affordable housing. To learn more, visit [www.frontdooragency.org](http://www.frontdooragency.org).

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