



## HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW EVENT AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE AND MEMBERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

**SAVANNAH, GA – August 6, 2021** – Historic Savannah Foundation, a leading nonprofit preservation and cultural institution, has announced the hiring of their new Membership & Development Specialist, Justin Bristol, and Event & Development Associate, Colleen Reynolds.

**Justin Bristol** is an accomplished museum and nonprofit professional with a passion for history. Previously, he worked in education, membership and fundraising for a variety of nonprofits in the Savannah area and independently led a fundraising effort with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in partnership with Bike MS. Bristol attended the University of South Carolina and Armstrong State University, where his Master of Arts in Public History focused on the use of historical narratives and messaging in fundraising campaigns.

Along with his wife, Jen, Bristol led and presented a video series titled “*History Where It Happened,*” which took a place-based educational approach to historic events in modern cities. Additionally, Bristol has written blogs for Visit Savannah and recently published an article about monuments and historic memory in the Journal of the Civil War Era’s online publication, Muster. His new role at HSF requires him to rebuild and grow the membership base by instituting new incentives for the membership program and seeking out new audiences to engage with HSF. Additionally, Bristol will manage HSF’s fundraising efforts, including donor stewardship and ongoing communications and updates with donors and members to keep them in the loop on all of HSF’s activities and projects. Outside of work, Bristol is a competitive cyclist and lives in Savannah with his wife, son and dogs.

**Colleen Reynolds** was born in Georgia and was raised in the bungalows of Arlington, Virginia, with intermittent tours and travels in Europe with her family as an “Army Brat.” She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marquette University. Reynolds made Savannah her home with her husband over 25 years ago and pursued a career in the southern hospitality industry. She thrives on collaborating with stakeholders and ensuring the event experience makes a positive impact on all who attend while strengthening the organization’s sense of purpose.

Her experience includes working with group business within the hotel industry, building a successful couture interior design firm, managing the operations of nonprofit arts organizations, and running an event company. Reynolds is always making sure that personal connection is first, financial goals are met, trust is the foundation

and tradition is honored. She lives with her husband, dog, and cat in Historic Gordonston. Her two daughters come home from college often to enjoy time together at coffee shops and long walks around Savannah's squares.

"We are so fortunate to have these talented and well-accomplished individuals on HSF's staff," HSF President and CEO Sue Adler said. "They will bring a fresh perspective to our team and help us achieve our mission of preserving and saving the uniqueness that is the historic city of Savannah."

Historic Savannah Foundation, a leading nonprofit preservation and cultural institution, saves buildings, places, and stories that define Savannah's past, present, and future. Following its formation in 1955, the organization started a Revolving Fund to save endangered historic properties, now totaling nearly 410 buildings throughout several of Savannah's historic districts. HSF continues to build capacity within its operations, secure new financial resources, improve its image and visibility, and increase public policy efforts to protect Savannah's historic districts.

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