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Bank of America Volunteers Add 30 New Trees to Rockwood's Landscape in Honor of Arbor Day

Wilmington, DE – Bank of America (BoFA) employee volunteers, joined by staff from TheDCH and Rockwood Museum & Park, contributed to our Community Forestry efforts by planting 30 new trees on the grounds of Rockwood Park on Friday, April 8. With BoFA's volunteer support, TheDCH continued its leadership support of the Plant One Million campaign, aiming to restore tree canopy cover in the Greater Philadelphia Region to 30 percent.

"Living and working in Wilmington, it brings me great pride to contribute to this DCH event because I can see the fruits of our efforts and the organization's work in my everyday travels throughout the city," said Charissa Messer, a BoFA volunteer and DCH member. "TheDCH offers someone like me who is interested in gardening and the environment the opportunity to give back doing something for which I am passionate."

The volunteer planting added 30 new, young native trees, grown locally by Octoraro Nursery, to the Rockwood landscape. The new trees, which include a variety of sugar maples, sycamores, and chestnut oaks, will add to the park's tree canopy, which has decreased over time due to the loss of aging trees.

"I learned a tremendous amount about the importance of trees and its impact on our community from being here today," stated Anne Camilli, a BoFA volunteer. "For me personally, I appreciate the educational investment TheDCH made in the volunteers, so we can invest this knowledge in our own communities."

The Rockwood tree planting event comes just in time for the celebration of National Arbor Day on Friday, April 29, 2016. As a core part of TheDCH's mission, our Community Forestry program has assisted neighborhoods in the planting and maintaining of over 13,000 trees on Wilmington streets since 1977. The benefits of trees cannot be overstated. From reducing energy costs to their intrinsic beauty, trees are a simple way to bring green to our city streets and parks.

"With the support of Bank of America, we achieved in a few hours what would have taken a day or two to accomplish otherwise," said Samuel Seo, TheDCH's Community Forester. "Today's event demonstrates the significant impact our corporate volunteers make when they give generously of their time and energy."

(Photos of the event are available upon request.)

The Delaware Center for Horticulture cultivates a greener community, inspiring appreciation and improvement of our environment through horticulture, education, and conservation.