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**River Tree Wealth Management Joins Northwestern Mutual Private Client Group**

**COLUMBUS – May 22, 2023** – River Tree Wealth Management, a leading financial planning firm in Columbus, Ohio has joined Northwestern Mutual's Private Client Group. The group provides an elevated wealth management experience for individuals and families with significant means.

"We pride ourselves in a reality-grounded, growth-minded approach to help people live their best lives. Our clients feel confident and a willingness to trust, because we provide highly educated options and are truly accessible when they need us the most," says Founder and Private Wealth Advisor, Shawn Phelps. "And we have fun doing it!"

River Tree Wealth Management specializes in complex estate planning, charitable giving, business succession, risk management, investment solutions, and retirement planning.

Phelps joined Northwestern Mutual – Columbus in 2010 as a financial advisor. He earned his BBA and MBA from Ashland University and his Trust and Estate Planning degree from Bowling Green University. In 2013, co-founder, Brandee Wyzlic, joined Phelps at Northwestern Mutual. River Tree Wealth added three, experienced partners in 2022: Matthew Beeghley, CFP®, ChFC®, RICP®, CLU®, CAP®, MBA; Kayla Hinds, CFP®, CLU®; and Justin Fickes, M. Ed.

Like a river tree that acts as a hub for its environment, the partners focus on powerfully impacting their community. Last year, they sponsored numerous events throughout Ohio as well as contributed to several, international philanthropic causes. The team actively volunteers: two working days a year together and individually via a variety of organizations.

Visit [Northwestern Mutual's Private Client Group](#) to learn more.

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