



## Habitat Williamson-Maury Board Member

### Chad Martin

In January 2015, the Board of Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury welcomed new member Chad Martin.

Chad graduated from Iowa State University with degrees in agriculture economics and finance. He began his career in grain and energy commodities as a risk consultant at FCStone, where he helped lead the development and eventual success of the renewable fuels desk. Chad joined the Eco-Energy team in 2007 and quickly ascended to the role of president and CEO. He has led the team to significant expansions of the overall business model, including being

named one of *Inc. Magazine's* fastest growing private companies in the United States. He was named a finalist for Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2014 and was nominated again for the award in 2015.

Chad lives in Franklin with his wife Renee and two boys, Caden (7) and Dylan (13). They moved to Franklin from Des Moines, Iowa eight years ago after a variety of moves to both the West and Gulf Coasts. His family stays very active. They love being outdoors in God's beautiful creation, enjoying camping, lake activities, and hiking.

In 2014, Eco-Energy sponsored the 2000<sup>th</sup> Habitat Home in Tennessee, which was also Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury's the first Veterans Build. Chad noted that the experience "was great exposure to all the wonderful things Habitat for Humanity provides." He was instantly drawn to the Habitat mission, and the Eco team quickly rose to the call of being an integral part of the Habitat for Humanity family.

Chad has always been a close follower of Christ. He grew up in a small Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in Northern Illinois. His mother was the Church secretary and father served as an elder, so Chad spent a great deal of time in and around the church, Sunday school, summer bible classes, and overnight church camps. God has had a tremendous impact in Chad's life, and he looks towards Him for guidance and support with both his personal and professional life. Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the LORD with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways, acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."