



Habitat Williamson-Maury Board Member

Brent Jean

Brent Jean joined the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County in January 2014. Brent is a certified public accountant and serves as the director of reimbursement at Capella Healthcare. Brent is originally from Birmingham, Alabama, but has lived here in Middle Tennessee since 1996. He joined Capella Healthcare in 2008.

Brent graduated from Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham. One of his first jobs as a teenager was delivering pizzas. The owner of the restaurant provided

each driver with a Chevy Chevette to deliver pizzas, but only one of the cars had both a working radio and air conditioning. Each work day was a race to see who could drive the air conditioned car, especially during the heat of an Alabama summer day!

Brent later moved to Tuscaloosa to attend the University of Alabama. He always had an affinity for mathematics and numbers, so it was an easy decision for him to pursue a degree in accounting. Brent met his wife, Melissa, at a Bama football game, while on a date with one of her friends! He somehow managed to ask her out without offending his date, and the rest is history.

Brent and Melissa now have three children that keep them busy. Two sons, Brandon and Michael, are both in college, and their daughter, Michelle, is currently at Independence High School. Brent serves as an elder for Christ Community Church, where the family has attended since they moved to Middle Tennessee. Brent also enjoys playing tennis, but only when he isn't watching his son Brandon play baseball. The Jean family enjoys high energy adventures together when they take vacations. They are self-proclaimed adrenaline junkies who love skydiving, intense roller coasters, and whitewater rafting.

Brent felt called to serve on the Habitat board for several reasons. He and his wife were both brought up in Christ-centered families who put service into actions. In addition, he was also raised by a very strong single mother. At a young age, Brent was aware of how hard she worked to give her children the kind of life she wanted to offer them. Seeing how often Habitat homeowners are single-parent families struck a chord with Brent, and he feels honored to serve these families through Habitat for Humanity of Williamson and Maury Counties.

Brent and his college freshman roommate came up with a quote that still resonates with Brent. "Useless thoughts are man's biggest faults." It may not be from Plato but it has served him well throughout his years.