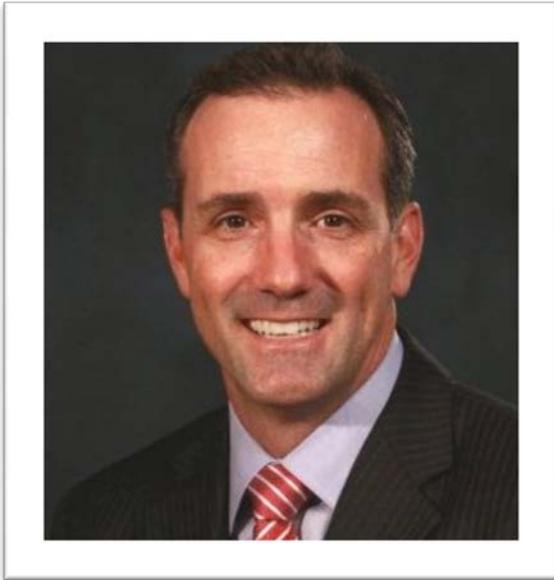


Habitat Williamson-Maury Board Member

Brian Delauter



Brian Delauter joined our Board of Directors in 2014, but his passion for Habitat for Humanity started many years ago. Brian is the Director of Corporate Services for Nissan North America, which is what brought his family to Tennessee four years ago.

Brian grew up in Melbourne, Florida and attended the Florida Institute of Technology. He met his wife Amy in his home town; they had both grown up there but never met until after college. His first career was as a commercial pilot for Northwest Airlines (which later became Delta). Following the terrorist attacks in 2001, many airlines downsized, which led Brian to his second career. In response to the great need for qualified people to help establish the new security features and checkpoints at airports across the country, Brian went to work in his home state of Florida, equipping and training airport staff to provide heightened security in the post-9/11 era. He worked as an independent consultant, but was soon tapped by the government and offered a job Washington, DC. Brian took his expertise to the Capitol where he worked in General Aviation Security for the US Government.

In 2011, Brian was recruited to move to Williamson County and work with Nissan. Brian and Amy moved their family of five to Franklin and have been here ever since. They have three children. Chelsea is studying at University of Central Florida, and son Carson and daughter Reese are here in Williamson County Schools. They worship at Franklin United Methodist Church, and Brian enjoys golf and hunting when he isn't supporting his kids' many activities.

Throughout the changes of Brian's careers and the different states of residence, one common thread has been present – his connection to Habitat for Humanity. He has worked on several builds over the years in Florida, the DC area, and Williamson County. One of the reasons that he feels so drawn to the mission of Habitat was inspired by his adopted daughter Chelsea. Chelsea came into Brian and Amy's home when she was 12 years old. He has witnessed and been a part of the miracle of changing someone's life by changing their situation. Brian feels that we should look for every opportunity to "give success a chance." Habitat offers that same opportunity to the partner families through the budget counseling and support that they receive throughout the homeowner education process. Habitat does more than just help families buy a home, Habitat works to "give success a chance." Brian feels honored to be involved with the ministry of Habitat.

- Interview by Board Member Jennifer Shepard, 1/22/15