

## Habitat Williamson-Maury Board Member

### Brian Cunningham



Brian Cunningham joined the HFHWM Board of Directors in 2016, but has been involved with Habitat and other charities for many years. Brian is the Vice President of Sales and Service for Bridgestone Americas in Nashville, TN.

A native of Ohio, Brian grew up in Cincinnati and earned his Bachelor of Business degree from the University of Cincinnati. He began his professional career in the transportation business in all aspects of sales, operations, and management with TNT Express Worldwide, a Dutch company. In the mid 1990's, he moved into the tire industry and thus was the start of his career with Bridgestone. With Bridgestone, he has held senior sales and sales management roles in various parts of North America, including

Ohio, Arizona, and Toronto, Canada. He and his family moved to Franklin, TN in the spring of 2008, where he was named Director of Distribution for Bridgestone. After various promotions, he was named Vice President of Sales and Service of GCR Tires & Service, a subsidiary of Bridgestone. In this current role, he is responsible for the management of over 300 commercial sales representatives that sell the products and services that GCR offers the commercial trucking industry. GCR has over 220 locations in both the U.S. and Canada with revenue that exceeds \$1.4B.

Brian met his wife Nicole in Cincinnati, OH. Although they both grew up in the same area of Ohio and had mutual friends, they had never met. They were married in 1997 and are the proud parents of three teenage daughters, Hailey (19), Hannah (17), and Sydney (17). Hailey attends the University of Mississippi and the twins will be going to University of Tennessee and the University of Mississippi, respectively.

Brian has always enjoyed working with charities and has been the part of Habitat home builds in both Ohio and Tennessee for over 20 years. He believes that God works through all of us in different ways and feels that his Catholic background has helped him in his journey. He believes that God wants all of us to help others and it is our duty and responsibility to seek out those opportunities. He learned at a young age from his father that in life, you can be looked at as either a "taker" or a "giver." His parents made sure that he understood that being a giver was God's way. He is very humbled and excited to serve on the board of directors and looks to continue to find ways to not only give of himself, but get others involved.