

## Habitat Williamson-Maury Board Member Chris Beck



Chris is a native of Austin, TX and a 1986 graduate of the University of Texas where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He and his wife, Cheryl, are the proud parents of three daughters: Megan, Madison, and Mallory. Chris met Cheryl at his first job out of college at the General Motors plant in Shreveport, LA. Cheryl was working as a summer intern from Louisiana Tech and assigned to the production line building GM trucks. The Beck family moved to Franklin in 1997, when Chris' career brought him to the area as a business development specialist for the EDS Saturn Account at Spring Hill, TN.

Chris and his family are members of Saint Philip's Catholic Church in downtown Franklin. They enjoy Saint Philip's active involvement within the community and its support for a variety of ministries.

Cheryl is the leader for the Women of Faith Ministry, and both volunteer in the youth ministry program.

Chris not only serves as a board member for HFHWM but shares his professional expertise with numerous other associations and the community. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Nashville Technology Council, Center for Information Technology Education of Technology Education, Nashville State Community College Foundation, and the EDS Tennessee Marketing Support Council.

Chris began volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in 1986 in Louisiana with his company there. When his career brought him to Williamson County, he met the HFHWM board president at the time, Tim Knight, through the local soccer association. Tim invited him to participate in the Habitee fundraiser and volunteer on the build site. Chris has served several terms on the board since 2010.

Chris' favorite parts of the Habitat experience are the build days. He likes the sense of accomplishment one feels when he/she has labored all day, looks back at the home, and can say that something has been completed. "Habitat for Humanity is really about changing people's lives for the better," he explains. "The nonprofit also provides for a stronger community through volunteering. It helps you meet and connect with other people in our community who enjoy giving back."