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Originally from West Virginia, Michelle Wright has called Nashville home since 2001. She was the first member of her family to graduate from college and utilizes her background in chemical engineering in her current role as Market Vice President at Gresham Smith, an architecture and engineering firm based in Nashville.

“As someone who’s in the construction industry, I understand the challenges this organization is facing and how critical it is that we continue to provide affordable housing options in our community where we’ve seen a rapid rise in the cost of housing in recent years,” Michelle shares.

Mrs. Wright’s thirty years of industry experience coupled with her alignment with Habitat’s mission make her a natural fit for the Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury Board. “I have volunteered with HFHWM for many years and am passionate about the mission of the organization. I want to give back something to the community and use the skills I have been given and that Gresham Smith has continued to grow and develop in a meaningful way.”

As a woman in a historically male-dominated industry, Michelle is passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion and creating a path for everyone to succeed. She was recognized as “Woman of Influence” by the Nashville Business Journal in 2023 and is an active member of ACEC Tennessee, Advancing Women in Nashville (AWIN), the Society of Women Engineers, and Belmont University’s Executive Learning Network.

In her spare time, Michelle and her husband, Rusty Wright, are busy keeping up with their blended family, which includes a son finishing his masters in computer science at UT, a daughter in her sophomore year studying interior design at Berkley College, and her bonus son navigating his preteen years.

“I’ve learned that life lessons can come in all forms. We seek mentors to guide us and teach us, but often the best lessons come from experiencing the difficult moments we face. These moments can transform us and mold us into better leaders.”