

# Brian Tebbenkamp

Despite mounting pressure from his parents and school administrators to join the military or attend a four-year university, Brian Tebbenkamp chose to pursue what would become a decorated, successful career in the home building industry and lead efforts throughout the Kansas City region to promote careers in construction trades to younger generations and facilitate improved communication and cooperation amongst the home building community and City officials in an effort to reach common goals in economic development and home ownership within the metro.

As with most in his generation, Brian was taught to believe that careers requiring higher education - those where you showered before you went to work - were more lucrative and promised a better quality of life than those that required you to work with your hands. As he progressed through his junior and senior years of high school, Brian was being pressed by teachers and his parents to start looking at colleges or consider joining the military as had many of his family members before. After a brief stint doing data entry at a financial institution, Brian knew an office job wasn't for him and he eventually went to work as a general laborer in construction where he encountered his first major career obstacle: He couldn't read a tape measure. After high school, Brian worked in various positions that allowed him to gain additional skills including flooring installation, trim carpentry, and installation of HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems. It was in trim carpentry Brian found his passion and he quickly gained notoriety throughout the local home building industry for his ability to perform complex, highly skilled custom finish work.

At 22, Brian started his own finish carpentry company, Precision Woodworks, which sustained his talent and lifestyle for nearly a decade until his focus shifted to home building. Recognizing the amount of start-up capital needed and the riskiness of the industry, Brian started a second company, KC Appliance Services, in 2012 as an additional source of income to fund his burgeoning building company. Brian quickly secured contracts with Home Depot, Lowe's, and Best Buy to deliver and install home appliances throughout the metro while continuing to own and operate Precision Woodworks for another six years. Brian founded Patriot Homes in 2014 and completed construction on his first speculative home the following year. Viewing this new venture as a marathon instead of a sprint, he balanced his time working between his three companies before turning to home building exclusively in 2018. Since breaking ground on his first home over 10 years ago, Brian has built and sold over 100 speculative and custom homes and now averages 18 homes per year ranging from \$500,000 to \$1 Million +.

Brian joined the Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City (KCHBA) in 2015 where he's played a key role in promoting and providing hands-on opportunities for high school students to learn more about construction trade career opportunities. In 2017 Brian, along with a small group of individuals, founded the KCHBA Young Professionals Committee encouraging those 45 and younger to be more involved in the organization and, later that year, was elected to the KCHBA Board of Directors. As chairperson of the City of Kansas City Code Task Force, Brian was integral in facilitating constructive, respectful conversations between City staff and the home builder community to improve the efficiency and consistency of plan reviews, building inspections, and pulling building permits. At the end of 2020, Brian began a four-year term on the Executive Committee and was elected to Board President in 2023. In addition to his involvement with the KCHBA, Brian has also volunteered countless hours building homes for Veterans Community Project whose mission is to eliminate veteran homelessness by providing transitional housing in the form of tiny homes. Brian is currently the Kansas City Dream Home Builder for St. Jude Children's research Hospital since 2022.