

## **Nashville Area | Brian Harris | Catawba Nation | Chief**



In July 2023, Brian Harris was nominated as Chief of the Catawba Nation. He has dedicated over twenty years of his life as a passionate advocate for the Catawba community. He has served as Chairman of the Iswa Housing Board, Administrative Officer of the Indian Health Catawba Service Unit, and as a member on the Judicial Committee, Economic Development Committee, USET Housing and Veterans Committees, and the Cultural Preservation Board. He was recently voted as Chairman of the Council of the Chiefs in South Carolina by his peers.

Chief Harris has been married to his wife, Candi, for thirty years. They have five beautiful children and four grandchildren. He is most proud of becoming a father to his children and becoming Chief of the Catawba Nation. He loves to have lunch with the Catawba seniors at the Senior Center and interact with the youth in the childcare programs.

Chief Harris is compassionate about supporting tribal services such as healthcare programs, education, elder care, economic development, and the housing needs of tribal citizens. He works relentlessly to improve the welfare of Catawba citizens by developing relationships and services for the community. He strives to revitalize the Catawba culture by sharing the rich traditions of the Catawba citizens. He enthusiastically supports Catawba drummers, dancers, potters, and craft artisans. His determination to build up the Nation and create opportunities guides his decisions and initiatives.