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Flagler County SHIP, Habitat work hand-in-hand

June 30, 2017 – There were plenty of tears and hugs when Felicia Warren took the keys to her new home – a home that she had been working to achieve with the help of Habitat for Humanity since 2014.



“Felicia made this a reality for her and her family,” said Lindsay Elliott, Flagler Habitat for Humanity executive director. “She continued to persevere with her hard work and dedication to provide more for her family.”

Warren and her seven children, including toddler twins, moved into their Palm Coast home on Tuesday following the title company closing and a dedication ceremony.

“Habitat is very active in this area, and it is wonderful to help with down payment assistance,” said Flagler County State Housing Initiatives Partnerships (SHIP) Administrator

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Rev. Elijah Emanuel, well known in Bunnell for his work at the Carver Center, gave the opening prayer. Habitat Construction Manager John Knox made a presentation of a golden hammer and a welcome gift on behalf of Lowe’s. Loretta Sylvester gave each child a handmade quilt on behalf of the Memory Makers Quilt Guild. Flagler Palm Coast High School Head Basketball Coach Gary McDaniel blessed the house.

Warren’s 20-year friend, Annette Lumpkins, presented the keys and told the story of how both women entered the Habitat application process together.

“I went through it swiftly,” Lumpkins said. “I’ve been in my home for 2 years. It’s been a journey for Felicia.”

The women held on tight to one another as Warren’s children struggled to hold back tears.

“Me and my kids will be forever grateful,” Warren said. Looking at Lumpkins, she added, “We’re not friends, we’re family.”

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