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Legislator Browning Welcomes New Homeowners to Mastic Beach & Shirley



Pictured right to left: Bottom row- Legislator Kate Browning, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Trevor & Quinnisha Keys-Collins, and Diane Burke – CEO at Habitat for Humanity.

Top row- Les Scheinfeld - Director of Development at Habitat for Humanity, Trevor Keys-Collins, Gena Gilbertson – Thrivent Financial, Mastic Beach Mayor Maura Sperry and Councilman Dan Panico.



Pictured right to left: Diane Burke – CEO of Habitat for Humanity, Elizabeth Madaia and her baby Aria, Anton Madaia and son Josiah, and Legislator Kate Browning.

Mastic Beach/Shirley, NY – On Thursday, August 6 Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) welcomed two new families to the third legislative district in Mastic Beach and Shirley. The new owners purchased their homes through Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk, which was celebrating its 170th and 171st homes that have been built in Suffolk County since its inception. The Keys-Collins family on Jefferson Drive in Mastic Beach, and the Madaia Family on Adobe Drive in Shirley both received the keys to their new home with ceremonies that were attended by elected officials and sponsors of the projects.

Both properties were former tax liens that Suffolk County transferred to the Town of Brookhaven and Village of Mastic Beach through its 72-h program. Rather than being auctioned off to speculators, the properties were given to Habitat for Humanity, and the organization built the homes and identified purchasers. The new residents must attend mortgage counseling and other programs to prepare them for a life as homeowners.

“I have worked hard to prevent further substandard rentals, which many times are created through the auction process,” stated Legislator Browning. “By partnering with our Towns and Villages in conjunction with non-profits like Habitat for Humanity, we are increasing homeownership in the area and stabilizing our communities one home at a time. I wish the Madaia and Key-Collins families the best of luck and am happy to welcome them to our neighborhood.”

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