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Kaua'i families receive keys to new homes

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Mayor Bryan Baptiste joined county officials, local businesses, volunteers and families to bless six new Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity homes Thursday on the Westside.

The mayor complimented the nonprofit group's efforts while emphasizing that plenty of work needs to be done to provide affordable homes to low-income residents.

"We're pleased that six more Kaua'i families have achieved their dream of homeownership at 'Ele'ele ILuna, and look forward to assisting with the completion of the remaining units at that site as well as other affordable housing projects that are underway," Baptiste said Friday.

Koloa Union Church Rev. Nani Hill and St. John's Episcopal Church Rev. Mary Lindquist delivered a Hawaiian-style blessing at the ceremony on Mehana Road, sprinkling holy water onto the houses for joy, peace and family well-being, said Amy Hill, Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity's resource development director.

Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity has six more houses underway and will soon apply for building permits for five others remaining in phase one, Hill said.



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Phase two will feature the construction of 108 homes at the same subdivision, she added.

The families received Bibles, a Habitat for Humanity tradition; orchids, donated by Kaua'i Nursery; and keys to their homes.

"The homeowners were really moved — they were in tears," Hill said.

To be eligible, families have to agree to work "700 sweat equity hours," Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Stephen Spears said.

They are rewarded with zero percent interest on their house mortgage.

More than 1,100 families are on a waiting list, Spears said.

Councilmember Jay Furfaro, who once served as Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity's president, continued to show his support by attending the event, Hill said, noting his ongoing helpfulness with the group's current projects.

Local business sponsors and most members of Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity's board of directors, who put in ample time with the organization, also came out to show their support, she added.

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