



NEW CFCP HOMEOWNERS — There were some happy people Thursday evening at the Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA) office in Lanett. Six young women were told that they'd been selected to be new homeowners through the Chattahoochee Fuller Center Project (CFCP). By the end of the current year, these women and their children will be living in six new homes that will be built in the Millard Fuller Legacy Build, which will take place in Lanett's Jackson Heights area the week of Aug. 30 through Sept. 4. Shown above, from left, are Kelli Yoder, volunteer writer, and Faith Fuller of the Fuller Center, Americus, Ga.; current CFCP homeowner Crystal Huguley, who lives in Home No. 17 on North Eighth Avenue, Lanett, new homeowners Latishia Booker, Latasha Billingslea with her six-year-old son, Kelvonte Billingslea, Lisa Trammell, Gresham Brooks, Marilyn Loyd and Michael Markle, chair of the CFCP Family Selection Committee. Not shown is new homeowner Mary Johnson. (Photo by Wayne Clark)

Families selected for CFCP's Millard Fuller Legacy Build

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LANETT — There were gasps of surprise, some spontaneous cheering, applause and wiping away of some tears of joy Thursday evening when a group of young women from the local area were told that they'd been selected as the

new owners for six new Chattahoochee Fuller Center Project (CFCP) homes that are going to be built in Lanett later on this year.

Each young woman had gone through the application process and had been talking to CFCP representatives about being a new homeowner. They'd been invited to the Thursday

meeting at the Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA) building, located on South Jennings Avenue in Lanett, with the understanding a discussion would be taking place about being a prospective homeowner.

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person Michael Markle announced that they'd all been approved as new homeowners, it was time for a celebration.

"I feel like I just won a lottery," said Marilyn Loyd, the mother of two small children. "I can't tell you how much this means to me. I can now set a better example as a parent for my kids. They can now grow up in a better environment than the projects."

"This is very surprising and so very exciting," said Lisa Trammell, who has four children. "I'm so grateful to have this opportunity. It's news that knocks me off my feet, and I'm very excited. I'm looking forward to a better day for my kids."

Markle said that she and other members of the committee had talked about making an announcement. "We couldn't tell just one," she said. "We wanted to tell everyone at the same time."

The six women present at the meeting - Loyd, Trammell, Latishia Booker, Latasha Billings-

lea, Gresham Brooks and Mary Johnson - have been selected as the new homeowners of the six new CFPC homes that will be going up in the Jackson Heights area during the Millard Fuller Legacy Build.

During the week of Aug. 30 to Sept. 4, Fuller Center covenant partners across the U.S. and around the world will build, renovate and/or dedicate homes for families in need as part of the inaugural Millard Fuller Legacy Build. At least 100 simple, decent houses will be built or renovated in the weeks and months leading up to the Legacy Build week, with all of the homes being dedicated during that week in a worldwide expression of love in action.

In North, Central and South America, more than 1,000 volunteers are expected to participate in the event honoring The Fuller Center's late founder and his vision of eliminating poverty housing worldwide.

The Millard Fuller

Legacy Build will be anchored in Lanett, where Mr. Fuller had intended to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary with wife Linda as part of a blitz build. Instead of an anniversary celebration, the 100-house build will be a celebration of the life of Millard Fuller, who died on Feb. 3, 2009.

In Lanett, volunteers will build six new houses and conduct Greater Blessings repairs on other homes in the community, effectively changing the face of an entire neighborhood.

The new homeowners will be investing some sweat equity during Legacy Build week. They will be assisting volunteers in the work that's going on and will be helping out in future CFPC homebuilding projects.

"We're happy you're going to be new homeowners, and it's a big responsibility," CFPC President Bill Scott told the group. "During Legacy Build week you will be showing the previous homeowners and those who will be here

to work on the houses the kind of interest you have in being a new homeowner and how hard you're willing to work for it. Each of you will own a new home. With God's help it will happen. You will have a nice, new place to live for you and your family."

Scott said the Jackson Heights project was part of an effort to improve an entire neighborhood, the type of effort that previously met with success on Davidson Street in West Point. An area that had been crime riddled has been transformed into a much more peaceful, law-abiding area with six new CFPC homes and a Habitat for Humanity home. "It's an entirely different place," Scott said. "We hope to do a similar thing on North 11th Avenue, and each one of you will be a big part of that. I appreciate you and am looking forward to working with you. We will hold up our end of the deal if you hold up yours. We want you to be a success, and we think you will be."