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FAYETTEVILLE (WTVD) -- First Lady Michelle Obama will be one of the volunteers working on the Extreme Makeover Home Edition project in Fayetteville before the house is turned over to the owner.

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Obama's visit to the worksite Thursday is part of her Joining Forces initiative which highlights the challenges military families face.

The Extreme Makeover crew has been working around the clock to build a new home for a family that gives shelter to homeless veterans.

The plan is to give Barbara Marshall the keys to her brand new front door on Langdon Street in just one week.

Marshall, who was featured in ABC11 stories last fall, is a former

Navy officer who was using her old home for the Steps-N-Stages Jubilee House for female veterans who need assistance.

On the build, show host Ty Pennington is getting help from designers Paul DiMeo, Tracy Hutson, John Littlefield and Sabrina Soto.

Pennington says one reason for the First Lady's trip is the green house the Extreme Makeover team is building in the backyard. Mrs. Obama has used her green thumb to help spark interest in backyard gardens across the country.

"She's very big about Joining Forces, which is about taking care of the military families, but she's also about Americans eating healthy and produce," Pennington said. "And so we want to take some of her ideas and give them a green house so they can grow their own produce, help feed the families that are inside the Jubilee house. And maybe even give back to the community."

Producers say the new home the show is building for Marshall will be able to house multiple families. It will also be a place where Marshall's son - who is developmentally delayed - can thrive.

Along with housing three women veterans and their children, the Jubilee House works with over 30 homeless women veterans seeking assistance each week.

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The new log home is from builder [Blue Ridge Log Cabins](#).

An army of volunteer and other community organizations have stepped up to help, but more supplies are urgently needed. For the latest list, head over to the [Extreme Makeover Home Edition website](#).

Organizers also say the build needs skilled tradesmen to volunteer. The show needs framers, trim carpenters, roofers, a retaining wall company, masons, wood siding installers and professional painters.

Volunteers must report to Fayetteville State University on Langdon Street to pick up hard hats and t-shirts. A bus will take the volunteers to the construction site.

For more information, log onto www.joinextreme.com/northcarolina.

The Extreme Makeover Home Edition show featuring the Fayetteville build is scheduled to air on ABC in October.

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