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## First lady Michelle Obama greets "Extreme Makeover" family

### A staff report

The recipients of the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" house received an extra special homecoming today when they were met by first lady Michelle Obama.

Barbara Marshall and the residents of the Steps N Stages Jubilee House returned to their new Langdon Street home about 3:30 p.m.

Ty Pennington, host of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," opened the limousine door to welcome the family.

Designers who worked on the project talked with Marshall and the other women who live at the home before Obama stepped out of the "Extreme Makeover" bus, which was keeping their new home hidden from view.

The crowd cheered and chanted "Move that bus!" repeatedly until it was moved to reveal Marshall's new home.

After some time spent filming and talking with Obama, the family entered the house.

Obama, who has been an advocate for military families, is part of the episode that will air in the fall. Details are scarce about her involvement.

After the family went inside the house, Obama and the design team stayed outside talking to spectators and signing autographs. Obama later went inside the house as well.

Hundreds of sweaty, excited people packed Langdon Street awaiting the big reveal of the house.



The large, two-story home has red shutters, hanging baskets, rocking chairs, landscaping and a greenhouse.

The house was built in one week for Marshall, a 15-year Navy veteran and former chaplain, who operates the transitional shelter for women veterans. Marshall's 1,600-square-foot home was demolished to make room for a bigger one so she can help more veterans. Local businesses contributed supplies, food and volunteers.

Chip Smith, CEO of Blue Ridge Log Cabins, said that 150 to 200 volunteers were working on the house at 2 a.m. today, putting on the finishing touches. They were cleaning the inside, hanging art work, arranging furniture and finishing the trim. Even the celebrity designers were pitching in with the rest of the workers, he said.

He said there were no major issues with the construction and that everything went smoothly. After the reveal, there will be minor details to complete.

Roads are blocked in the area; drivers are advised to find alternative routes in the area around Fayetteville State University and Ramsey Street.

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