

Worrells Family

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Ever since 1996, the Worrells family have lived in a small mobile home off of Dollard Town Road. For a long time it was a good and decent place to live, but over the years, they said, it has gradually fallen into worse and worse disrepair until today it has holes in the walls and floor, unreliable wiring and other problems.

“It’s ragged,” said Eugene Worrells. “It’s falling apart. And this (current location) is a swamp.”

Still, they said, they hadn’t decided to move on from the mobile home until their landlady passed away and they realized they were going to have to look for another option. Fortunately, said wife Annette Worrells, she was familiar with Habitat and knew that it might be their best option.

“I’d always heard about Habitat in the news and on Facebook and stuff. But applying was kind of a spur of the moment thing,” she said.

Annette, who works at the Brian Center as a certified medical assistant and was featured earlier this year as one of Habitat Goldsboro-Wayne’s Habitat Homeowner Heroes for her work on the front-lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, said that once they put their application in they had a good feeling about meeting the qualifications.

“We were hopeful,” Eugene said.

“With my faith in the Lord, I was pretty confident,” Annette said.

Now, with construction on their home under way, they are excited to not only see their dream coming together, but also to be a part of building it through their sweat equity hours.

“In the beginning it was hard. I was so nervous about working out on the construction site. Now I love it,” Annette said. “It’s exciting. I have taken a picture just about every day beginning since the Habitat sign was just leaning against a tree. When it’s done I’ll have a timeline of pictures of our home.”

Moving into their new home will be Annette (54) and Eugene (53), their daughter, Roberta (35), and three grandchildren, Arnez (15), Azaria (14), and Aysia (6).

“It’s going to mean a stable home for my family,” Annette said. “We are really looking forward to it.”



The Worrells family stands outside their small mobile home off of Dollard Town Road. Pictured, from left, are granddaughter Azaria, homeowner Annette, granddaughter Aysia, grandson Arnez & daughter Roberta. Not pictured is homeowner Eugene.