Farmingville, NY - On December 1, 2012 Councilman Panico joined with Habitat for Humanity, neighbors, community members and other community leaders to present the Suarez-Copeland family with the keys to their new home.

"It was my honor to take some time out of the weekend to welcome the Suarez-Copeland family to East Moriches," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "I wish them a lifetime of happiness and success in their new home and thank Habitat for Humanity for again helping make dreams a reality."

The following are the Homeownership Qualifications for a Habitat for Humanity Homeowner program: Be a citizen or legal resident, prove steady income, have good credit, earn an annual gross income that falls within the minimum and maximum limits, depending on household size, sustain a savings account over a specific period of time, invest 300 hours of sweat equity (about every Saturday for a year constructing your home and other people's home), attend educational homeownership courses, perform community service, make an affordable down payment and make timely mortgage payments.

For more information on how to become a homeowner or to volunteer please visit HabitatSuffolk@habitatsuffolk.org. For more information about the Town of Brookhaven and/or to follow the achievements and actions that Councilman Panico is taking to improve our communities, please go to www.brookhaven.org.