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**MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN MIAMI  
CITY CELEBRATES MORE HOMEOWNERSHIP IN MODEL CITY**



*Left to right: Milton Vickers of the Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP), Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones, District 5, Solange and Eliette Louis-Paul (center), and Mayor Manny Diaz at the ribbon-cutting held in Model City. Photo Credit: Jorge R. Perez/City of Miami.*

**MIAMI, FL** – City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones, District 5, Barbara Gomez, Director of the Department of Community Development, and area residents commemorated the completion of two, new affordable single-family homes in Model City. The homes, located along NW 58<sup>th</sup> St., are the latest of several homes being built by Palmetto Homes of Miami, Inc., on parcels provided by the City of Miami in the Model City area and are testaments to the City's efforts to work with private developers to aide in the revitalization of the neighborhood.

Both of the households qualified by the City earn less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and each received \$78,252 in financial assistance, in the form of a second mortgage, to aid them with the purchase of their new home. Buyers also received assistance from Miami-Dade County. Buyer Eliette Louis-Paul, who was in attendance with her daughter Solange, helped City officials cut the ribbon leading into her family's future home.

Palmetto Homes of Miami, Inc., is a minority-owned, affordable home-building company operated by Ario Lundy. With the City's assistance, Palmetto Homes has completed 14 homes since 2002 and has an additional six (6) currently under development within Model City.

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