

# **Sakeenah Canada Launches First Long-Term Housing Program for Muslim Women and Children**

*The Windsor apartment falls under Sakeenah Canada's transitional shelter portfolio, making it the 9th location across Canada.*

WINDSOR, November 30, 2023 - Sakeenah Canada is proud to announce the launch of its long-term housing program, with its first location in Windsor, Ontario. This new project, a furnished apartment unit, is an exciting milestone for the organization as it is not only the first long-term housing project for Sakeenah Canada, but it is also the first of its kind for Muslim women and their families in Canada. Unlike traditional shelter programs, this program offers *independent* housing for women and their families facing domestic violence and homelessness, rather than a shared home.

"It has been brought to our attention on numerous occasions that there is a need for long-term housing for Muslim women and their families as they work towards starting a new chapter of their lives," shares Nazish Tayab, Executive Director at Sakeenah Canada. "Residents will have the full support of our remote caseworkers as they work towards sustainable independence."

According to statistics, there are over 1,100 people experiencing homelessness in Windsor, with over 300 people defaulting to sleeping on the streets every night. Sakeenah Canada's Windsor Apartment aims to address the homelessness crisis in the city and provide temporary housing to Muslim women and children fleeing from domestic violence.

Sakeenah Canada is proud to open the Windsor apartment and offer a safe place for progressive independence by becoming a stepping stone for Muslim women and their families as they work towards becoming thriving members of our community.

## **About Sakeenah Canada**

Sakeenah Canada, a national charitable organization, was founded in 2018 in response to a gap in culturally and religiously sensitive services available for women and children facing domestic violence and homelessness. Since then, our services have expanded to include mental health therapy and counseling, a food program that helps combat food insecurity (The People's Market), and is the first licensed foster care agency for Muslim children in North America. Sakeenah Canada operates 8 transitional homes across Canada: Toronto, Brampton, London, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Milton, and Regina, as well as a long-term housing project in Windsor.

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