## Sakeenah Homes Opens The First Transitional Home for Muslim Women and Children in Winnipeg, Manitoba

The opening marks Sakeenah Homes' sixth transitional shelter across Canada

WINNIPEG, October 13, 2022 - Sakeenah Homes is thrilled to announce that the doors are now open at its sixth transitional home in Canada - this time in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Starting today, the transitional home will be able to help the growing number of vulnerable Muslim women (and their children) who are facing domestic violence and homelessness in the area.

"There is a growing Muslim population in Manitoba, and there is also a large number of immigrants that settle in Winnipeg. It is often refugees that face the greatest challenges - language barriers, financial difficulties, a lack of education and vocational training," explains Zena Chaudhry, founder and CEO of Sakeenah Homes. "It is difficult for those with so many obstacles to seek help should they need it. And our experience working with various vulnerable groups and communities across Canada has shown us that they do in fact need it."

The first of its kind, the Sakeenah Homes Winnipeg home will house 13-14 women and their children.

Sakeenah Homes provides various programs that address the larger needs of the community - from counseling to access to a remote caseworker. We understand that our services need to go beyond simply providing a safe place for women and children who are fleeing trauma.

Sakeenah Homes was founded to fill a gap in the system - Muslim women were looking for refuge and safety but mainsteam shelters do little to address their religious and cultural needs. While the majority of our clients and residents identify as Muslims, Sakeenah Homes does not close the doors on anyone.

Sakeenah Homes has plans to expand to Saskatchewan, and Newfoundland and Labrador early next year.

**About Sakeenah Homes**

Sakeenah Homes, a national charitable organization, was founded in 2018 in response to a gap for culturally and religiously sensitive services 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 most recently became the first licensed foster care agency for Muslim children in North America. Sakeenah Homes operates 6 transitional homes across Canada: Toronto, Brampton, London, Montreal, Ottawa, and Winnipeg.

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