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Avana, a Saskatchewan-based real estate developer and property management enterprise proud of its female-led, family-oriented values, and SOFIA House, a second-stage shelter for women and their children fleeing violence, are pleased to formally announce their continued partnership in providing housing and programming for families fleeing Interpersonal Violence (IPV). This partnership is monumental for the community of Regina and its surrounding communities.

Earlier this year, Avana announced a [historic new affordable housing](#) project in collaboration with the Federal Government and the City of Regina. This affordable housing project will offer 116 suites of affordable housing, 39 of which will be allocated specifically for women and children fleeing violence. SOFIA House, a non-profit organization with extensive expertise and experience providing safe shelter, intensive programming, counselling, and cultural services for women and children, will manage the operations and programming of these designated suites with Avana providing the capital resources and supporting a portion of the operational funding for the project. These suites will be a mixture of second and third-stage housing and will begin receiving residents in 2023.

“There is a very high need for long-term supportive housing for survivors of violence in our community. SOFIA House has been providing these services for over 35 years, and we are happy to collaborate with Avana as our housing provider and partner to offer these important services,” states Tmira Marchment, Executive Director of SOFIA House. “Recent conversations about IPV in Saskatchewan have shone a light on the gaps that still exist in our province in these areas. Avana has continued to step up for our community and ensure that families facing violence have long-term, stable places to call home while receiving SOFIA House programming”.

“We set out to develop our properties with purpose. We recognize that ignoring the constant changes in the needs of our communities has left too many people behind who are struggling to afford secure and affordable housing. We have seen success because we understand that communities need to be inclusive. They need to be safe. They need to acknowledge the issues their residents are facing. We are

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elated to partner with SOFIA House on this innovative, purpose-led partnership while actively pursuing solutions to address these blaring human rights injustices.” states Jennifer Denouden, CEO of Avana. Both organizations call on the Provincial Government to support SOFIA House’s current proposal for operational funding for this critical project.

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