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24 new units to house vulnerable women and those leaving domestic and family violence in Canterbury -Bankstown

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A home to call their own is no small feat and thanks to NSW Government investment of \$10 million more than two dozen women and their children can now rest easy with a permanent roof over their heads.

Three new residential blocks containing 24 units dedicated to providing long-term, sustainable social housing for vulnerable women at risk, older women, and women and their children fleeing domestic and family violence are providing stable accommodation in the Canterbury -Bankstown LGA.

The initiatives were funded using a partnership model pioneered under the Community Housing Innovation Fund (CHIF) where by government grants attract co-contributions from the community housing providers.

The Women's Housing Company contributed more than \$4 million to the projects which will help to address the housing crisis in NSW.

Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness Rose Jackson said:

"These will provide much needed respite to those most affected by the NSW housing and rental crisis.

"Under the CHIF, we partner with community housing providers to deliver social housing to the areas where they are most needed.

"The Women's Housing Company worked hard, dug deep and through their own significant financial contribution and philanthropic efforts they have successfully delivered three residential complexes.

"We know that stable housing is key to empowering at-risk women to improve their lives and so I am so pleased to announce the official opening of these 24 new homes."

Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Jodie Harrison said:

"The Women's Housing Company is a strong advocate for housing solutions to address women's homelessness.

"The NSW Government's CHIF-DV funding has enabled the innovative partnership between DCJ and the Women's Housing Company to deliver more housing for women in need.

"The Women's Housing Company is one of many community housing providers around the state investing time and resources to deliver more affordable and social housing.

“The partnership between government and community housing providers has enabled an effective response to the growing demand for homes, especially for women escaping DFV and older women at risk of homelessness.”

Women’s Housing Company CEO, Debbie Georgopoulos, said:

“The Canterbury Bankstown LGA is an area with high demand for social and affordable housing .

“All but two of the 24 units we have delivered have been allocated to women and their children, with a couple of units set aside for single older women .

“The delivery of these projects represents the Women’s Housing Company’s strong advocacy for more housing and better solutions to prevent women’s homelessness, assist women experiencing DFV and provide programs and support to ensure women’s wellbeing .”

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