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Historic Opening of Ontario's First Francophone Transitional Home for African Refugees La Passerelle-I.D.É. Launches L'Agapanthe in Toronto

WHAT:

La Passerelle-I.D.É. invites media representatives to the **official inauguration of L'Agapanthe - Maison de Transition of La Passerelle-I.D.É.**, a first-of-its-kind transitional home dedicated to African Francophone refugees in Ontario. This historic initiative provides culturally responsive housing and comprehensive support services to help newcomers successfully integrate into Canadian society. The event will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, guided tours, Interviews with key stakeholders, and remarks from elected officials and community leaders.

WHEN:

Date : Friday May 2nd, 2025
Time : From 5:30PM to 7:30PM

WHERE:

L'Agapanthe Maison de Transition of
La Passerelle-I.D.É.
179 Gerrard Street East, Toronto ON M5A 2E5

WHO will attend:

- **Mayor City of Toronto, Olivia Chow**
- **Councillor Chris Moise / Toronto Centre**
- **MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam**
- Other officials and leaders from partner organizations

WHY:

The opening of L'Agapanthe - **Maison de Transition of La Passerelle-I.D.É.** marks a pivotal step in Ontario's efforts to address the specific needs of racialized refugee populations. As the number of African refugee claimants continues to rise, initiatives like L'Agapanthe play a vital role in easing pressure on the shelter system while providing residents with dignity, opportunity, and culturally adapted pathways to success.

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