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### **Saskatoon Literacy Volunteer Receives Award**

Mr. Forbes: — Mr. Speaker, on March 1st, Read Saskatoon held their Read 'n' Feed Celebrity Auction fundraiser where they presented the Sylvia Vicq Tutor Award to Julie Gregorash.

The Sylvia Vicq Tutor Award recognizes a tutor who goes above and beyond the tutoring expectations. Learners at Read Saskatoon often tell staff how appreciative they are of their tutors and of the impact they've had on their lives. This award allows Read Saskatoon to recognize all of the wonderful work their volunteer tutors do and lets them know that they're contributing to building a strong community.

Julie Gregorash was nominated by Lawrence Smokeyday who's been the recipient of Julie's tutoring. He wrote in his nomination:

*Next month is a year that we've been working together. She is a great tutor. We joke around a lot. It relieves a lot of tension and stress. She gives me solid, confident feedback. She says lots, "It's up to you, Lorne." I get to make the decisions. She means a lot to me — she has started to figure out my weaknesses. She's my second gift, my second chance.*

Julie Gregorash is a great example of Read Saskatoon's focus, not just on words but literacy — reading, writing, speaking, listening, and numeracy. By providing these foundational skills with qualified staff and trained volunteers, Read Saskatoon is helping people like Lawrence Smokeyday reach their full potential.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in thanking Read Saskatoon for all the important work their staff and volunteers do every day and in particular, Julie, on receiving Read Saskatoon's Vicq Tutor Award.

Thank you.