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Sikh Society Celebrates Vaisakhi

Mr. Forbes: Mr. Speaker, I stand today to speak about an incredible act of generosity and humility that took place in my community this past week. Mr. Speaker, I am speaking of the celebration of Vaisakhi, the establishment of the Khalsa. Members of the Sikh Society of Saskatoon mark this day by taking part in community service and offering food to over 500 individuals at shelters across Saskatoon. Mr. Speaker, a deep belief in equality and community building are major tenets of the Sikh faith.

In speaking to a reporter, Gurwinder Singh, a member of the Sikh Society of Saskatoon said, and I quote:

The kind of feedback that we get is just priceless. We cannot compare it with anything else. It is just the thing that gives you the most satisfaction and helps you come forward in a more generous way.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, they are already making plans for next year.

The Sikh community in Saskatchewan is growing and now numbers well over 2,000 people. Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan continues to be a diverse and vibrant place and the Sikh community is an active part of that. Mr. Speaker, I would ask my fellow members of this legislature to join with me in thanking the Sikh Society of Saskatoon for their service to the community. We are grateful for their work and their commitment to equality. Thank you.