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### Summer Snack Program

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Saskatoon & District Labour Council on another successful season of their summer snack program. The end of August saw the program wrap up its 24th year of serving lunches to hundreds of Saskatoon kids and families in need.

Kelly Harrington, who is president of the Saskatoon & District Labour Council, described how important this program is within the communities that use it. She says, “The kids are hungry when they come. They eat a lot. They look forward to it and they run out to the cars and help us unload the food.”

Mr. Speaker, the summer snack program serves breakfast in Optimist, Pleasant Hill, Meadowgreen Parks, and Westmount School. This year it added a fifth location with the help from a grant from the city of Saskatoon in Confederation Park. While the program's main focus is providing food, it also provides mentorship from the coordinators who bond with the children. There are sometimes a few tears shed and a few hugs exchanged in the final days of the program.

They've also noticed a difference in the people utilizing the program. More adults are coming. Kelly really noticed a difference in 2008 when she says, “. . . when the housing market went sky-high and rent was incredibly high. Since that time, we've had a lot of adults actually utilize the program. Prior to that, it had been mainly children.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join with me in congratulating the Saskatoon & District Labour Council's summer snack program on its 24th successful year serving great food to those who need it. Thank you.