

Introduction

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2013 Daughters Day Award Recipients

Hon. Dave Hancock, Premier (MLA, Edmonton-Whitemud): Mr. Speaker, it's indeed my pleasure today to introduce 10 guests who are here seated in your gallery. Nine of them are the 2013 Daughters Day award recipients, and they're accompanied by the Daughters Day chairperson. Daughters Day is the initiative of the International Association of Citizens for a Civil Society, a registered not-for-profit society in Alberta supported by more than 40 diverse community organizations. Daughters Day celebrates the lives and contributions and achievements of daughters. With us today is the cofounder of Daughters Day and its current chairperson, Charan Khehra. Now, I might say with some note that I had the pleasure and privilege of running in an election against Charan several elections ago. As is the case in Edmonton-Whitemud, it's always a friendly affair, and after the affair is over, we get to work together in the best interests of the community.

With him today are the 2013 Daughters Day award recipients: Rebecca Fitzsimmons, who opened a licensed preschool in Savanna and is implementing the food for thought school breakfast nutrition program; April Lam, a gifted young athlete representing Alberta in the 2013 Canada Summer Games and in the 2014 national Special Olympics in swimming; Shawnay McRorie, a recipient of the John Humphrey youth human rights award, committed to working with young children and adults living with disabilities; Christina Nsaliwa, a strong advocate of human services and inspirational mentor for women; Andrea Payne and Corissa Tymafichuk, grade 11 students from Paul Kane high school in St. Albert with a lifetime mission to help survivors of human trafficking and who organized a city-wide community walk, raising \$5,000; Laura Smith, an ESL instructor, motivated and instructed over 600 individuals, improving their level of proficiency in English; Linda Winski, a social justice advocate, opened her home to the community, providing friendship, hospitality, prayer, and a listening ear; and April Wiberg, a proud member of the Mikisew Cree First Nation and a founding member of Edmonton Stolen Sisters Awareness Walk, was not able to join us today.

Mr. Speaker, I'd ask all of my Legislature colleagues to honour the presence of these award winners with the usual warm welcome.

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