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**Autism Society of Edmonton Area Awards Road Trip
May 21, 2014, St. Albert
Honourable Naresh Bhardwaj, Associate Minister of Services for
Persons with Disabilities, Human Services**

I am really happy to join you this morning to honour the Autism Award recipients from J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary School.

We are fortunate to have some of the best supports for children with autism in our province.

These supports come from professionals and service organizations like the Autism Society of Edmonton Area.

And they happen every day in schools and businesses in our own communities. (Pause)

The award recipients from J.J. Nearing set an example for us.

They show us we ALL have the ability to make a difference in the lives of friends and colleagues with autism.

We make a difference through the actions we take every day.

Through the understanding we offer and the encouraging words we share.

We make a difference by creating a sense of belonging and helping others achieve their personal successes.

Thank you for inspiring us and showing us what is possible.

And congratulations on your awards!