



Statement

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Mr Speaker:

I was honoured to participate in a STAND (Students Taking Action Now! Darfur) event at Westmount Collegiate Institute in my riding of Thornhill last week, where students and teachers came together to help support the people of Darfur. The students raised money by sponsoring their favourite teacher in a dance contest and utilized this opportunity not only to raise awareness of the crisis, but to contribute to and help support the men women and children affected by the genocide in Darfur. I would like to commend Kayla Simms, Adam Schwartz and all the members of STAND and the teaching staff at Westmount Collegiate Institute for organizing this successful event. I have received many letters from Westmount Collegiate students who are concerned about the atrocities taking place in Darfur, urging the Government of Canada to take needed action. It is very heartening to see Thornhill youth actively reaching out, determined to help those in dire need. I hope that their inspirational work will motivate us all to do more for the people of Darfur.