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### **Sidakers Engage San Antonians In Aftermath of Wisconsin Shootings**

San Antonio—The "WeAreSikhs Street Team," comprised of attendees at Sikh Research Institute's (SikhRI) annual Sidak leadership retreat, took downtown San Antonio by storm, engaging more than 100 locals with their vibrant personalities and exciting energy. They were armed with posters which proclaimed: "I am American and I stand with Sikhs" and "I am American and I Choose Justice, Freedom & Equality." The Team was mobilized by the shootings at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin in Oak Creek the previous Sunday.

Through meaningful dialogue, the Team greeted passers-by and curious locals with smiles while promoting the ideals that Americans and Sikhs share and practice through signs, banners, and questions. The tech-savvy of the team flooded social media with pictures to communicate to the world that Sikh-Americans have valued their local communities for over 100 years. [You can see an album](#) of the Street Team's adventures on [SikhRI's Facebook page](#).

***"The Sikh Research Institute is committed to creating global awareness of Sikhi values and I am delighted that this group of young Sikh-American leaders have shown such initiative to engage with members of the San Antonio community in meaningful and personal interaction,"*** said Ravinder Singh, Executive Director of SikhRI.

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