## **Durham is more – Video Transcript**

Gilles: Immigration allow more people to bring their culture to be something new that they can add to what we already have.

Sharmaine: We are the first exclusive uniforms and accessory stores for medical workers and hospitality workers in Durham Region.

Abralin: Being in Durham Region you just have to find where and how to ask for help.

Gilles: Our company is Taltis Foods, unique African oriented product to Canadian and the North American. Knowing that I have contribute somehow to get some African product on the shelf, that is just something I can put the word on that it's just amazing.

Joel: We are Kevares, we fuse robots artificial intelligence and software into autonomous services that municipalities and private sector companies pay per use. You don't see robots on the streets every day our goal is to change that so that humanity can decarbonize operations faster.

Ahmed: We are a B2B platform that connects apparel stores in Canada with manufacturers overseas. We are a transparent platform for ethical and sustainable sourcing. The hardest part about growing a business is that there are challenges every day, that too in a new country in a new city where you don't know the rules you don't know the regulations you don't have any connections.

Benazir: We mainly provide bookkeeping services and we use our bookkeeping services to offer tax prep advisory and consulting services. It's not easy to leave everything behind and start from scratch again.

Varsha: The service I provide is soaps with natural ingredients and they have no harmful effects on the skin. Being a business owner in Durham Region is great because I have been helped by each and everyone till now whom I met.

Gilles: For those trying to start a business in the Durham Region what I will always say is just start it.

Sharmaine: It is what you do yourself and what you can accomplish, what you can contribute to the community that really counts.

Benazir: I think the main thing is your mindset. You need to be open to change.

Abralin: There are support and organizations to help you and navigate your dreams and make it a reality here in Durham Region.

Ahmed: Different cultures, different various aspects of life and diverse people so it's really good to live in Durham. Durham is more.

Abralin and Sharmaine: Durham is more.

Benazir: Durham is more.

Varsha: Durham is more.

Joel: Durham is more.

Gilles: Duram is more.