

SHEILA JACKSON LEE —

- Texas Dem. Women Roast SJL
- Oct. 17, 7:30 pm dinner and roast
- Sheraton Astrodome Hotel in Houston
- Emcees will intro her
- Ann Richards and Jesse Jackson honorary chairs
- 750 people -- corporate citizens, seniors, youth clèrgy,

12 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- November 17th -- video shown at gala dinner
- Convention Center Ballroom in Cincinnati, OH
- Keynote is James Comer and Carol Williams will speak
- 2000-2500 audience including social workers, physicians, nurses
lawyers, judges, educators, mental health professionals, govt. policy
makers and volunteers from the community.
- Theme: Engaging America's Communities: Joining Together for Safe
Children and Strong Families.
- 30 Conference Co-Sponsors

WOMEN'S VENTURE FUND

- November 18th at Chelsea's Milk Studios in NYC
- HRC is Honorary Chair
- 250 audience including sponsors, friends of WVF and charities
- Susie Ormond and Maria Samedeo Otero in program.
- Theme: Fun, Fearless Females
- Dinner gala to raise money and awareness

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS: CELEBRITY ROAST HONORING
CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA JACKSON LEE
HOUSTON, TEXAS
OCTOBER 15, 1998**

Sheila, on behalf of the President, I want to say how much we wish we could join you and the Texas Democratic Women to roast you in person.

When my husband talks with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee he usually gets in only one word: "Yes." Over the years he's learned that what Sheila wants, Sheila gets, one way or the other, and it's just easier to say yes right from the start.

And that is exactly what Sheila has always done wherever the lives of women, children, and families are at stake. She said yes to adoption reform and fair bankruptcy reform. By founding the Children's Caucus, she said yes to putting children at the top of our national agenda. And she said yes when asked to lead the Democratic Freshman Class of the 104th Congress.

One other thing we've learned is that Sheila Jackson Lee is one of the most steadfast friends this administration has on Capitol Hill. And Sheila, you've not only been a tremendous friend to us, you've also been a great friend and supporter of your constituents in the 18th Congressional District, and of every family in America.

On behalf of your friends here in Washington, I want to say thank you, and before I forget, the President says, "Yes."

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO
THE WOMEN'S VENTURE FUND GALA
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 15, 1998**

Good evening. As honorary chair of this event, I am delighted to join you in celebrating the extraordinary contribution the Women's Venture Fund is making in the lives of women and families throughout New York.

Although we call it "microcredit," this is a big idea. From New Delhi to Denver, I have seen how with a small loan and a lot of hard work women can lift up their lives, their families, and their communities. And I want to thank you for making that possible right here in this great city.

By providing credit, you are giving women the tools they need to support themselves and their families. By matching women entrepreneurs with mentors, you are providing them with the guidance of those who have come before them. And by thinking outside the conventional box about solutions for underserved Americans, the Women's Venture Fund is bringing our country one step closer to ensuring that all Americans can reach their god-given promise.

Thank you for all you are doing to provide opportunity, independence, and a better future for the women in New York. Godspeed on the work ahead. Enjoy your evening.

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO
TWELFTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
CINCINNATI, OHIO
OCTOBER 15, 1998**

I am delighted to join you at the twelfth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. I only wish I could be there in person to thank the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect and all of you for your commitment to ending the tragedy of child abuse and neglect.

Child abuse is an issue that I have cared about for more than half of my life. I have looked into the eyes of so many children and have seen the devastating effects of abuse and neglect. And I have worked with adults who were once abused themselves, and haven't found a way to stop that vicious cycle.

Thanks to the hard work of so many of you -- and the commitment of my husband and his Administration -- we have made significant progress in our efforts to strengthen the child welfare system. Perhaps our greatest victory was coming together across party lines to pass the landmark Adoption and Safe Families Act. With this law we strike a better balance between family preservation and the well being of the child. And we say once and for all that the health and safety of our children will always be our first concern.

This was an extraordinary accomplishment. But as you well know, our work is far from done. We must continue to move forward: By implementing the laws we've passed; by giving more support to judges; by helping children who have aged out of the foster-care system; and by stopping abuse before it ever happens. Only then will we create a world in which all children grow up free from violence, with parents who love and support them; and with the opportunities they need to reach their god-given potential. With all of you leading the way, I know we can make this possible.

Thank you for all you have done -- and will continue to do -- on behalf of America's children. I hope you have a wonderful conference.

SHEILA JACKSON LEE

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TEXAS DEMOCRATIC WOMEN "ON THE MOVE"

CELEBRITY ROAST

HONORING

**CONGRESSWOMAN
SHEILA JACKSON LEE**
18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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TO: Noa Meyer, White House Researcher

FROM: Charlene M. Crowell *CMC*

SUBJ: Reply to Information Requests for Video Salute to Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee

DATE: October 13, 1998

Via fax: 202-456-2581

Following our telephone conversation, I learned that the Celebrity Roast's Program Committee meets tonight. Some of the answers to your questions will not be known until then. In the interim, to facilitate preparation for Thursday's taping, please accept the following information:

of Guests Expected: approximately 750

Audience: Community cross-section – corporate citizens, seniors, youth, clergy and congregations, other candidates, other elected officials

Video Intro: To be handled by the co-emcees (local news anchors for NBC & ABC affiliates)

Honorary Co-Chairs: Attendance not yet known (Rev. Jesse Jackson, Jr. & former Texas Governor Ann Richards)

Bio: 2-pager enclosed

Talking Points: Enclosed is a 9-page summary of the Congresswoman's Work including: Children's Caucus, date rape, racial hate crimes, juvenile justice, adoption, infant protection, women's issues and other human rights

Information on the program line-up and list of roasters should be available following tonight's meeting. A copy of the event invitation is also enclosed.

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OUR MISSION

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC WOMEN was organized in 1987 as one response to the growing political interest expressed by mainstream women from across the state. TDW promotes the increased political activity and influence of Democratic women in Texas politics and government. TDW provides statewide training conferences and workshops. In addition, the group serves as a communication network for existing Democratic women's organizations and promotes the formation of new groups.

There are many organized groups which represent certain segments of women Democrats in Texas. Some are tied to a particular city or county in the state; others reflect particular issue agendas or ethnic groups. Some groups attract women in a specific age category or occupation. Of course there are professional and career women in our party, but there are also many women who work in the home or are retired. None of these organizations currently represent the broad range of women in our Party. Texas Democratic Women works to unite this wonderful diversity of devoted women behind one common goal - the support of our Party and the involvement of women in the political process.

*Pushing of doors →
prayer →*

*Dinner
Sel Army choir
will sing.
Roasters:
Carl Dan's, Richard Shaw*

Master roaster:

*State Rep.
Sylvester Turner*

Special present:

HRC

*Howard Jefferson,
Pres. Houston NAACP
Shirley Smith (Sasha)*

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson
The Honorable Ann Richards

and

The Texas Democratic Women
Southwest Houston Chapter

cordially invite you to join
us for a

CELEBRITY ROAST

honoring

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee

Saturday, October 17, 1998

6:30 p.m.
VIP Reception

7:30 p.m.
Dinner and Roast

Sheraton Astrodome Hotel
Austin Room
8686 Kirby Drive
Houston, Texas

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18TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA JACKSON LEE
MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FOR THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee was re-elected for a second term to the United States House of Representatives in 1996. She garnered 77.1 per cent of the vote to defeat four opponents after a contentious re-districting court battle over this ethnically and culturally diverse congressional district.

As a Member of Congress, she has played a pivotal role in the passage of legislation dealing with human rights for minorities, women and children. As a key congressional policy innovator, the Congresswoman has been instrumental in safeguarding and initiating a host of issues vital to her constituents in Houston and all Americans.

Among some of her accomplishments in the 105th Congress are founding the bipartisan Congressional Children's Caucus that includes 60 other Members of Congress, offering and gaining passage of legislation that strengthens our adoption laws, encourages the hiring of public housing residents, creates scientific research grants for our Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions, monitors human rights in Ethiopia, allows the National Science Foundation to donate their surplus computers and scientific equipment to elementary and secondary schools, increased the funding for the Sims Bayou flood control by \$3.5 million in order to remedy the flooding of Harris County residential communities. The Congresswoman has also introduced a NetDay Congressional Resolution to recognize the outstanding achievements of NetDay in bringing internet access to schools in Houston and the entire nation and The Hillory J. Farias Date Rape Prevention Drug Act that would outlaw GHB which was responsible for the death of a young woman from the Houston area.

As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, the Congresswoman has been a leader in defending affirmative action and is spearheading Houston's battle to end affirmative action, as well as holding the line on Gay Rights issues, the Voting Rights Act, Hate Crimes, sexual harassment in the military, the Brady Bill and sex crimes against children.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee, a veteran of both corporate and private law practice, is a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary where she serves on the Crime and the Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittees. The Congresswoman is also a member of the Committee on Science, where she serves on the Subcommittees on Space and Aeronautics and Basic Research and Energy. She is a devoted supporter of NASA, its programs, and the Johnson Space Center, which is situated in an adjoining congressional district. Consistent with other long-standing interests, the congresswoman also serves as a member of both the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues, the Congressional Black Caucus,

The Aeronautics and Space Caucus, and House Democratic Caucus Task Forces on Hunger, Welfare Reform, Economic Renewal, Affirmative Action, and Travel and Tourism.

As a Member of the 104th Congress, the Congresswoman was elected President of the Democratic Freshman Class, and was appointed to serve as the freshman member of the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. She was instrumental in securing a U.S. General Store for Small Business in Houston. She successfully amended the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill to provide adequate funding rather than cuts for the African Development Foundation (ADF) in fiscal year 1996. The ADF provides technical and financial assistance directly to co-operatives and community organizations in twenty African Countries. Congresswoman Jackson Lee was appointed by the Speaker of the House to the House and Senate conference committee on the Telecommunications Reform bill. This bill, which is one of the major bills to have been considered during the 104 Congress, creates new opportunities for regional telephone, long distance, broadcast and cable industries.

Before her election to Congress, Representative Jackson Lee served two terms as one of the first African American female At-Large members of the Houston City Council. Prior to her Council service, she was an Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Houston.

Always interested in a number of community issues and problems, some of Congresswoman Jackson Lee's concerns led her to participate in numerous civic and professional organizations. She was an active member of the State Bar of Texas, and is one of only three African American women to have served as Director of the State Bar of Texas. From 1987 to 1988, she chaired the Justice Court Subcommittee of the Texas Bar. Congresswoman Jackson Lee is also a former Director of the Texas Young Lawyer's Association, and was chair of its Minority Affairs Committee.

In recognition of Houston's role as a major employer in the energy industry and a major provider of energy resources, in October of 1995, Congresswoman Jackson Lee organized a round-table discussion on domestic energy policy with President Bill Clinton and the Chief Executive officers of energy-related companies. Additionally, she has created the Energy Industry Task Force on Opportunity and Diversity that includes CEOs from Texaco and other major energy corporations to provide minority business opportunities as well as minority hiring and promotion practices.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee received her undergraduate degree from Yale University, graduating from the Honors Program in Political Science. She went on to receive her Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law.

The Congresswoman is married to Dr. Elwyn C. Lee, Vice-President of Student Affairs and Special Assistant to the President of the University of Houston. She is the mother of Erica Shelwyn and Jason Cornelius Bennett Lee, ages 17 and 12 respectively.

SHEILA JACKSON LEE

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Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee
Accomplishments of the 105th Congress

*** CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

FOUNDED the Congressional Children's Caucus, a group comprised of more than 60 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Caucus is dedicated to promoting children in the national agenda and to addressing some of the challenges confronting our nation's children today including: child health care, child substance abuse, innovatively educating children, early childhood development, new approaches to middle and high school children, parenting, child care, children and technology, child poverty and hunger, child abuse and incest, and adoption and foster care.

HOSTED a program on child safety in Houston on August 8th, in anticipation of our children's return to school. The event was attended by children and parents from the community, representatives from local school districts, the police, and children's advocacy groups.

HOSTED a hearing on tobacco and children in June of 1998, in anticipation of the House Tobacco Bill. Witnesses included five DC teenagers involved in teenage coalitions to combat underage smoking. Also testifying were the Director of Smoking and Health for the Center for Disease Control, and the Executive Vice President and General Counsel for the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

HELD a meeting with area children and women's advocates to focus on the effects of H.R. 3150, a bankruptcy bill which would have allowed credit card companies access to the same funds as mothers seeking child support from an ex-partner claiming bankruptcy. To the same end, we also held a rally on the Capitol steps to oppose the bill.

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DATE RAPE

INTRODUCED the Hillory J. Farias Date Rape Prevention Drug Act to schedule the drugs, GHB and Ketamine, on the Controlled Substances Act. GHB and Ketamine have been used to render the victim defenseless in cases of date rape.

Use of these drugs in this manner and for recreational purposes continues to increase. GHB is responsible for the death of 17 year old Hillory Jean Farias of La Porte, Texas, in August, 1996. The drug was apparently slipped into Hillory's drink without her knowledge.

*** RACIAL HATE CRIMES**

CO-SPONSORED the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1998, which would expand the scope of the federal government's ability to prosecute hate crimes. The bill expands the definition of hate crimes to include crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation, gender, or disability.

HELD a hate crime town hall meeting in Houston. In attendance: Acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Houston Councilwoman Annise Parker; members of the family of James Byrd Jr.; as well as representatives from various minority groups.

INCREASED funding for the Community Relations Services of the Department of Justice by \$500,000 by amending the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Bill. The Community Relations Service combats racial hate crimes like the June murder of Mr. James Byrd in Jasper, Texas.

*** JUVENILE JUSTICE**

INTRODUCED the Juvenile Rape in Prison Protection Act requiring a mandatory minimum of life imprisonment for anyone 21 years of age or older who commits aggravated sexual assault against a federal prisoner under the age of 18.

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WORKED with my colleagues during the appropriations process in an effort to find funding in the House Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations bill for the establishment of a Center for the Study and Prevention of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency at Prairie View A&M University outside of Houston, Texas. Congresswoman Jackson Lee was delighted that the Senate bill has included \$500,000 for the establishment of the Center, and that during the final stages of debate before passage of the House bill the need for support of the Center was also addressed.

OFFERED an amendment that was accepted into the Juvenile Justice section of the House version of the Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations Bill, increasing funding by \$750,000 to allow the Justice Department to enter into a contract with the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences to: conduct a study of computer-based technologies for controlling electronic transmission of pornographic images; outline research needed to develop computer-based control technologies to the point of practical utility for controlling the electronic transmission of pornographic images; identify the inherent limitations of computer-based control technologies for controlling electronic transmission of pornographic images; address policies or management techniques needed to ensure the effectiveness of these control technologies; provide policy options for the deployment of such control technologies; and review the potential for the identification of illegal pornographic images with a goal of criminal prosecution.

ADOPTION

PASSED two amendments to the adoption bill. The first amendment provides procedures for criminal records checks and checks of a State's child abuse registry for any prospective foster parent or adoptive parent, and any employee of a child care institution before the final approval for placement of a child is granted. The amendment is aimed at preventing the movement of a child from one dangerous situation to another. The second amendment was offered jointly by myself and Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney. This amendment expresses the sense of the Congress that the States should have in effect laws and procedures which permit a parent who is critically ill or near death, without surrendering parental rights, to designate a standby guardian for the parent's minor children.

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INFANT PROTECTION

INTRODUCED legislation creating civil sanctions against hospitals and criminal sanctions against those actors who intentionally or negligently misidentify an infant. The criminal legislation will subject any person who intentionally misidentifies an infant or alters or destroys an identification record to fines and up to ten years imprisonment. The civil legislation will require hospitals reimbursed under the medicare system to establish and implement security procedures to reduce the likelihood of infant patient abduction.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

VOTED to support privately funded family planning for service women and military dependents.

OPPOSED an amendment to H.R. 4101 which would have prevented the FDA from testing any drugs which could be used as abortifacients and voted in support of H.R. 1122, which allows women access to partial birth abortions when they are necessary for the mother's health.

OPPOSED amendment to H.R. 3682, which would prohibit the transportation of minors across state lines for the purposes of securing an abortion. Proposed amendments which would have excepted from the prohibition the minor's aunt, uncle, clergy member, or rabbi.

VOTED TO SUPPORT the use of RICO (the Federal Anti-Racketeering Act) in order to prosecute violent anti-abortion protestors.

VOTED TO SUPPORT the DeGette Amendment on H.R. 4276, which allows women in prison access to abortions.

PARTICIPATED in a Lactation in the Workplace forum on July 28, 1998, focusing on the importance of allowing breastfeeding, working women a clean and private place to express their milk or breastfeed their children.

HOUSING

PASSED ON VOICE VOTE an amendment to encourage public housing

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authorities, contractors and subcontractors, to make a maximum effort to the extent possible to hire residents of the public housing development, that the contractor or subcontractor thinks is qualified to perform a job related task. This will directly help people living in Cuney Homes, Garden City Homes, and Irvington Village find and keep good jobs as they make the transition from welfare to work or from minimum wage positions to better paying skilled jobs.

GAY/LESBIAN ISSUES

VOTED AGAINST non-segregated military training and opposed the Hefley Amendment to the Appropriations act which would have removed President Clinton's executive order against discrimination against individuals as a result of their sexual orientation.

SCIENCE AMENDMENTS

PASSED Amendment on the floor to the FAA Authorization Bill of 1997 by adding Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions in the language of the bill which targets research at primarily undergraduate institutions that involve undergraduates in their research on subjects of relevance to the FAA. This highlights minority universities and promotes research and development activities at these historically underserved colleges.

PASSED a Sense of the Congress amendment on the floor that the Director of the National Science Foundation shall donate surplus computers and other research equipment to elementary and secondary education schools in order to enhance their science and mathematics programs. This allows students to benefit from surplus equipment donated by the NSF with little or no cost to the schools or school districts. Unlike Presidential Executive Order 12999, this amendment would go beyond just the donation of computer equipment but would also allow the donation of beakers, test tubes, models of molecules or atoms, as well as other types of lab material which would be useful in the education of our children. This would help Mrs. Margaret Hammer, at Parker Intermediate School here in Houston, who received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Elementary Mathematics and Science Teaching this year.

PASSED an amendment to the Civilian Space Authorization Act, on the floor, to strike provisions of the bill which would prohibit NASA from using appropriated funds to pay the tuition or living expenses of any NASA employee attending the International Space University. The effect of the amendment is to allow NASA to use funds for sending students to the International Space University. Employees of

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NASA will gain a greater international perspective of space technology from the expertise of other space agencies worldwide.

PASSED an amendment, included as report language, stating the Sense of the Congress that NASA, when requesting contract proposals as a result of downsizing activities, should first consider those proposals that indicate a willingness to hire personnel currently performing functions for which a contract will be awarded. This protects employees at NASA from losing their jobs when subcontracts expire. It allows these workers to be considered first for employment positions with new subcontractors.

PASSED an amendment to increase funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities under NASA's minority research and education programs. The amendment adds \$5.8 million to the authorization request of \$25.5 million, which restores the program to the FY 1997 funding level of \$31.3 million. This improves and expands research programs of HBCU's with NASA and promotes science and technology at minority universities.

PASSED an amendment to the Next Generation Internet (NGI) Bill to increase the visibility of Historically Black Colleges, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and small colleges in federal internet programs. The amendment also requires the NGI Advisory Committee to make recommendations to these institutions so that they can better participate in the development of the NGI.

PASSED an amendment in Committee to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1997, which restored \$7 million in funding for the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Program. GLOBE is a creative opportunity for students to participate in real hands-on science by reporting over 500,000 scientific observations, via the Internet, which are used by scientists in professional research efforts across the world. Over 3,500 schools are involved worldwide with schools in every state in the U.S.

OPPOSED the Roemer Amendment to the NASA Appropriation for the fiscal year of 1999. The amendment would have effectively terminated the funding for the International Space Station.

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

REQUESTED AND RECEIVED an additional \$3.5 million to the U.S. Army

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Corps of Engineers in Fiscal year '98 funding for the Sims Bayou flood control project in Houston, Texas, to expend throughout Harris County, and to immediately remedy continuous flooding of residential communities in the 18th Congressional District as part of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

PLACED an additional \$9.4 Million in the 1999 appropriation for the continued construction of the Sims Bayou Project in the Energy & Water Subcommittee on Appropriations.

SUCCESSFULLY PLACED language in the Transportation Appropriations Bill that would add \$2 Million for a major investment study for an alternative transportation system in Houston.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN POLICY

MEMBER of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, whose aim it is to preserve human rights around the globe.

CONDUCTED an Ethiopian Human Rights Colloquy on Wednesday, July 30, with Chairman Sonny Callahan and Ranking Member Nancy Pelosi during the debate on H.R. 2159, the Foreign Operations Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998.

PASSED an amendment to House Resolution 1757, the Foreign Policy Act which directs the Department of State to closely monitor and take into account human rights progress in Ethiopia as it obligates funds during fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for Ethiopia.

OFFERED an amendment to the President's FASTRAK legislation that calls for the President to review conditions along the U.S.-Mexican Border which should include housing, labor, and environment issues as they relate to U.S. companies that are on the border.

HELD a news conference with three U.S. Ambassadors to Africa to discuss their "reverse mission" to Houston. Ambassadors were visiting from the countries of Algeria, Mozambique, and Uganda.

NETDAY

INTRODUCED House Resolution 38, A Sense of the Congress Resolution to recognize the outstanding achievements of NetDay. The NetDay 2000 project is

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a private public partnership which is created for providing 20% of our nation's schools with the necessary wiring for schools to have Internet access. To date there are 71 cosponsors in the House of Representatives. This resolution provides Congress with a way of voicing support for this project, which has provided and should provide access for all children; rural, suburban, and urban, regardless of whether they are poor or more well-off.

Locally, Congresswoman Jackson Lee has served as Honorary Chair of the NetDay Planning Committee for the Houston Independent School District's NetDay efforts. Under the leadership of Dr. Rod Page, Superintendent of the Houston Independent School District; Anne Meyn, Technology Business Community Liaison, Daryl Ann Borel, Assistant Superintendent for Technology; and her staff, the Houston Independent School District NetDay96 project was a success. From this effort 138,980 students now have Internet access in the libraries of their elementary, junior, and high schools. This was accomplished with the assistance of 1,203 volunteers, who contributed their time to neighborhood schools. The generosity of sponsors, volunteers, students, teachers, and Houston Independent School District personnel saved Houstonians \$58,080.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

INTRODUCED a bill that would charge the Secretary of Education in conjunction with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study that would determine the most efficient way to identify and treat dyslexia in early elementary aged children (K-3rd grade). The Secretary would be responsible for reporting the Department of Education's findings to Congress within four (4) months of the enactment of the bill. The ultimate purpose of this study would be to hopefully create a scientific definition of dyslexia that could be used to write further legislation directed at combating the growth of this learning disability among American youth.

HEALTH

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HELD a conference call with the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, and Dr. William Archer, III, Commissioner for the Texas Department of Health to discuss the medical impact of the "haze" caused by the wildfires in Mexico.

ESTABLISHED an 800 number for the purpose of gathering information on medical problems associated with the "haze".

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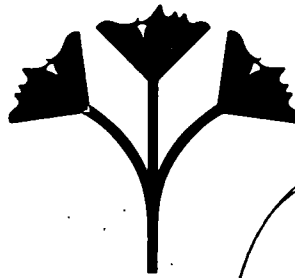
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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

In response to the Civil Rights Act of 1997, also known as the Canady Bill, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee prepared eleven (11) out of the forty-four (44) Democratic amendments poised to drastically restructure this controversial legislation that proposed to completely end affirmative action at the federal level. This Bill, sponsored by Rep. Charles T. Canady (R-FL), Chairman of the Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution, is by far, the most potent single threat to affirmative action in America today. The Canady Bill would end all consideration of race or ethnicity in the awarding of federal jobs, contracts or educational funds, including the use of timetables or numerical goals to achieve ethnic diversity in these various areas of public life. Fortunately, the united front of the minority members of the House Judiciary Committee working hand in hand with some key Republican Committee members voted to indefinitely table the bill on Tuesday, November 6th in a Full Committee Mark-Up. But this victory (of sorts), does not end the threat. The measure has not been defeated, and is still intact to live another day. To this regard, we proponents of affirmative action, on into the next year, must remain unshaken in our resolve to end this threat to justice and

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Dear First Lady Clinton:

We are writing to you on the recommendation of Neel Lattimore.

Unquestionably, you had what it took. Motivation. Inspiration. Ambition. A vision. And somehow, you found a way to make your dreams become a reality. You are an accomplished woman.

There are other women who have what it takes. Women's Venture Fund is the organization that empowers them to take that first step towards entrepreneurial success and financial independence.

Women's Venture Fund envisions a new world of opportunity for such women, a world of micro-enterprise, entrepreneurship, creative support and financial discipline that will allow them to lead independent, fulfilling economic lives and contribute to the economic life of the community. For low-income women, the Women's Venture Fund believes this economic success will happen through intensive cooperative programs combining lending, mentoring and networking.

This year Women's Venture Fund will host a Gala Benefit in New York City on November 18th at Chelsea's Milk Studios, to celebrate the women we have supported while raising money to further our mission. The one thing that would make it a memorable evening would be "your story" via a video greeting. It would be a great honor if you would address our audience from the White House.

We're sure you can see that this is a fitting opportunity for you to be a part of a progressive women's movement that will propel women to a new level of economic self-sufficiency. We've enclosed a brief overview to further your understanding of our organization.

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Best regards,

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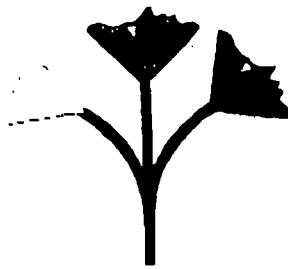
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Daphne



**Suggested Content for Remarks of
Hillary Rodham Clinton
For Women's Venture Fund Gala November 18, 1998**

Good evening to all of you at the Milk Studios in New York who are attending the Women's Venture Fund Gala.

You are indeed making history as you so generously support the Women's Venture Fund. It is a first in New York City, and an important model for the rest of the country.

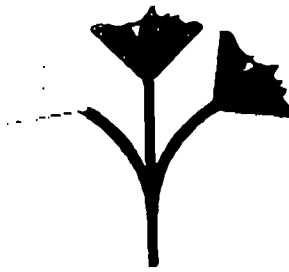
What is particularly exciting about your organization is the way you have taken an idea which started out in Bangladesh, at the Grameen Bank, and are applying and adapting it to America's inner cities. The notion is simple, small and revolutionary: help one woman to start her own business and you have helped not only her, but her family and her community as well.

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Microenterprise is an idea in which world economists are increasingly interested, particularly as it applies to women. At the U.N. Conference in Beijing, which I attended, it was stories about women's microenterprise that gave me great hope for the future. In so many parts of the world, including America, we have a largely overlooked, untapped resource: women. It's not that women don't have dreams of bettering themselves and their families; it's that often they feel trapped — by lack of access to credit, and — equally important — by lack of access to role models.

That's why the Women's Venture Fund mentoring program is so exciting. As all of you in this room know, beginning entrepreneurs often need more than just a loan — they need a friend — a business guidance counselor to give advice from her own experience, to answer questions, to give a pat on the back. This is truly women helping other women, one woman at a time.

I am pleased that the Women's Venture Fund has grown so quickly. Congratulations on obtaining a five year grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration to increase your training and technical assistance capabilities. And on becoming certified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury as a Community Development Financial Institution. And congratulations to your borrowers on their outstanding record of paying back their loans. It's a repayment level that any large bank would be proud of.



I salute the imagination and determination of your borrowers – people like Linda Myers who started her own office cleaning business, Daychia Sledge who created her own audio studio, Lee Rodriguez who started a medical billing company, Deborah St. Claire with her imaginative ethnic floral designs – to mention only a few.

My fondest hope is that all of you borrowers become so successful that you outgrow the Women's Venture Fund because you are no longer "microentrepreneurs" but highly successful businesswomen in your right. Then you too can pass on your hard-won knowledge and skill to other women, continuing the fine tradition of the organization that gave you such an important helping hand.

Enjoy the evening!

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a unique aspect of the Women's Venture Fund program is its emphasis on skill development and post-loun mentoring and support.



The program helped Deborah St. Clair take her flower business from a strictly local operation to a presence in the E-style Spiegel catalog.

Mission

Women's Venture Fund, Inc. seeks to expand entrepreneurial opportunities for women by giving them two desperately needed things: credit and mentoring.

The Fund's clientele are low-income women in the inner city, women with an already proven knack for business and who, with our help, can grow.

In urban areas, women who are heads of households are frequently those with the greatest needs but the fewest career opportunities. They represent the most intractable piece of the poverty puzzle: according to the most recent census, 64% of the city's poor children are in female-headed households. Tapping the powers of entrepreneurship is increasingly recognized as an important strategy in attacking inner-city poverty.

By bringing jobs, capital and greater economic activity to a wider community, micro-enterprise and small businesses serve as powerful catalysts to help revitalize a community.

What We Do

“We want to create entrepreneurs. We offer credit because it is vital, but edu-

cation and networking are indispensable,” says Maria Semidei-Otero, Founder and President of Women's Venture Fund, Inc.

Women's Venture Fund, Inc. collaborates with community based organizations throughout New York City to identify aspiring entrepreneurs. With the assistance of these community partners, we are able to locate and reach women who are operating informal ventures and help them understand how to better structure their operations for growth.

Women's Venture Fund, Inc. identifies emerging business opportunities and offers “micro-loans”, typically in the range of \$400 to \$15,000, to women who show promise in their enterprise. Low-income women typically lack access to traditional sources of capital—personal



Valerie Mapp started a cruisewear line called Knottitude (no zippers, no buttons) and needed capital to inventory fabric.



“With the help of the Fund I am learning what it takes to successfully grow my business,” says Santa Cruz, beauty salon owner.

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increased her
printing production by
purchasing speedier
equipment with her loan.



savings, family, friends and associates, bank loans and even credit cards. Although these women have the same capital needs as any small businessperson and are eager to become entrepreneurs, too often they lack opportunities to learn and acquire the requisite business skills: planning, marketing, selling, finance, recordkeeping and so on. By combining capital with comprehensive business training and support networks, we provide loan recipients with critical elements for entrepreneurial success.

Women's Venture Fund, Inc. will:

- Fund micro-enterprises at prime plus 2 1/2%.
- Provide comprehensive business training.
- Offer post-loan support through mentors.
- Build bridges to new business opportunities for women.

Meet The Recipients

To date, Women's Venture Fund, Inc. has awarded several dozen loans to women like the following:

▫ *Paula Rice:* Paula's vision is to someday do her designing and silk-screening in a loft in Soho. Right now, she works out of her apartment and juggles her burgeoning business with her other job, teaching art therapy to homeless kids. To date, she's sold more than 5000 shirts, hats and tote bags. With her Women's Venture Fund loan, Paula purchased four-color printing equipment allowing her to triple her production, and in so doing, employ three others to help. Networking through Women's Venture Fund has been invaluable to her.

▫ *Daychia Sledge* started mixing audio tracks when she was 14; she was making money at it by the time she was 20. That's when she started her own company, Open Mike Productions, in her apartment. Daychia borrowed money to buy a PC with the Cubase software which allows her to record, edit, and master digitally. Her dream: "to put together a networking base for women of color who strive to become a self-maintained economic



"*i*'d always
heard about
networking—now I
know it really works!"
says Paula Rice.

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apartment into a
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"I want to pass this business down to my children," says Cathy Carpenter, "so they won't have to struggle like I have."



The Financial Women's Association of New York awarded top honors to Women's Venture Fund founder, Maria Semidei-Otero.

power within the arts and entertainment industry."

- *Cathy Carpenter* is a Bronx mother of four. She used a \$1,500 loan to buy a sewing machine that could add special finishes to the children's clothing she made. Ms. Carpenter, who had already been selling the special-occasion clothing at her church and her daughter's daycare center, is now working with Women's Venture Fund mentors to develop a business plan. She is determined to get her family off public assistance.

A Proud History

Among our accomplishments:

- A five year grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration to provide training and technical assistance.

- Certification as a Community Development Financial Institution by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.
- A \$100,000 challenge grant from Board member Abigail Disney.

- Participation in a roundtable discussion with Vice-President Al Gore on microfinance and with President and Mrs. Clinton at the Women's Economic Leadership Conference.
- Certification as a loan packager under the Women's Pre-Qualification Loan Program by the Small Business Administration.

Innovative Leadership: Maria Semidei-Otero Founder and President

As the founder of Women's Venture Fund, Inc., Ms. Semidei-Otero focuses on developing and promoting the vision of this unique loan fund. In her capacity as President, she manages the overall design and development of the various credit and educational programs offered. By creating alliances with banks and other financial institutions, she seeks to give more women access to adequate capital.

"My vision was to stimulate, nurture and support those women entrepreneurs experiencing difficulty because banks traditionally undervalued their experiences. We create a



supportive environment through our mentoring program, which gives borrowers exposure and access to some of New York's best business minds—professionals who generously donate their time to lend advice, business savvy and moral support."

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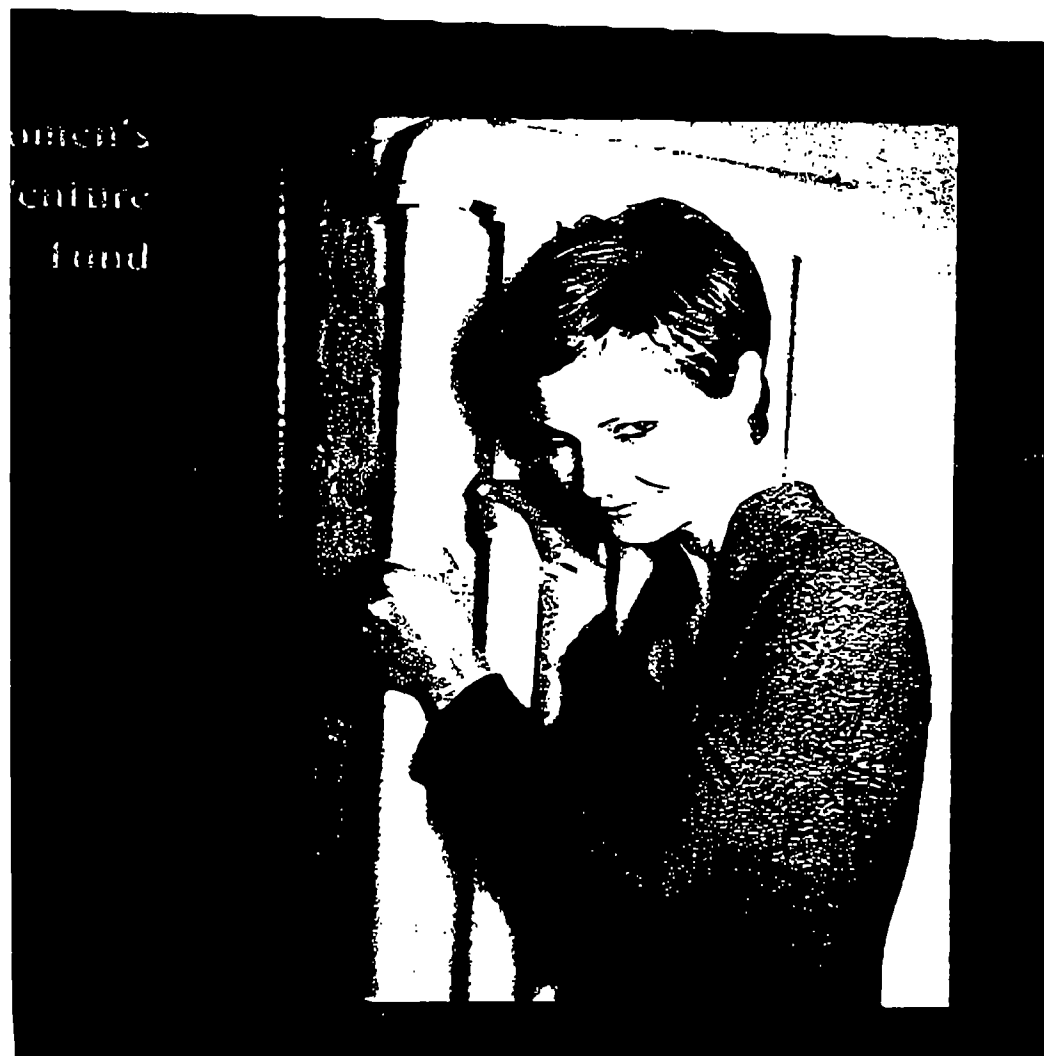
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OCAN, along with the 30 Conference Co-Sponsors, invites you to come to Cincinnati to promote new working relationships, exchange cutting-edge information on research, review model programs, and learn innovative techniques that hold promise for mobilizing communities on behalf of children.

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This Conference is designed for child advocates, clergy members, corporate leaders, educators, law enforcement professionals, parents, policy makers, practitioners, researchers, social workers, volunteers, and anyone committed to helping communities keep children safe.



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Come and let us recharge, revitalize, and renew your commitment to *engage America's communities, protect children and strengthen families!!!*

Join your colleagues for the Opening Plenary session of the Twelfth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect with our keynote speaker, The Honorable Carol W. Williams, Associate Commissioner of the Children's Bureau. In this position, Dr. Williams is responsible for the management and oversight of Administration for Children and Families (ACF) programs that focus on strengthening and supporting children and families, and on enhancing State and local child welfare programs and services. Dr. Williams has an extensive background in child welfare. Before coming to ACF, she was a senior associate at the Center for Social Policy in Washington, D.C. and director of the Child Welfare Leadership Center at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Williams will set the tone for the Conference, challenging participants to think creatively, harness their energy, and learn the latest approaches to combating child maltreatment in this country.

During the course of the week, other distinguished guests invited to join us include Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, America's pediatrician, and President of the Pampers Parenting Institute.

The Opening Gala Reception, sponsored by the Pampers Parenting Institute, will follow at the Cincinnati Convention Center. Entertainment will be provided by the School for the Creative and Performing Arts Chorale Group of the Cincinnati Public Schools.

About the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect

The Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) was established within the Children's Bureau to provide leadership in the field of child maltreatment and in the prevention of abuse and neglect. The Children's Bureau is an agency of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families in the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

While the primary responsibility for responding to cases of child maltreatment rests with State and local agencies, OCAN is the national focal point for child abuse and neglect policy. The agency oversees interagency collaborative efforts, including interagency agreements, sponsors national conferences and leads special initiatives related to child abuse and neglect. OCAN is the principal Federal coordination point for all activities related to ensuring the safety of children at risk. OCAN supports prevention activities through the Community-Based Family Resource and Support program and promotes improvements in Child Protective Service (CPS) systems. In coordination with the Department of Justice, OCAN is also responsible for building networks for family support and prevention through the Children's Justice Act.



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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I am extremely pleased to extend this invitation to you to join us in Cincinnati for the Twelfth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Your presence here will affirm the urgency of the problem of child abuse. No matter how many times we hear the awful statistics, they continue to shock and stagger us – over one million incidents of child maltreatment each year. We know, too, that the experience of abuse and neglect is not easily erased, and it leaves its mark on succeeding generations.

Fighting child abuse effectively requires that we forge a coalition of caring, a true partnership consisting of government at all levels, community leaders, corporate America and each one of us as parents and concerned adults. Conferences such as this one allow us to exchange information, share knowledge, and gain the inspiration necessary to continue to struggle and win.

I commend you for your dedication, your resourcefulness and your commitment to the health and well-being of children, for in many important ways, this issue defines our future as a nation. I look forward to greeting you at the opening session and throughout what promises to be a productive and enjoyable conference.

Sincerely,

Carol W. Williams, D.S.W.
Associate Commissioner
Children's Bureau

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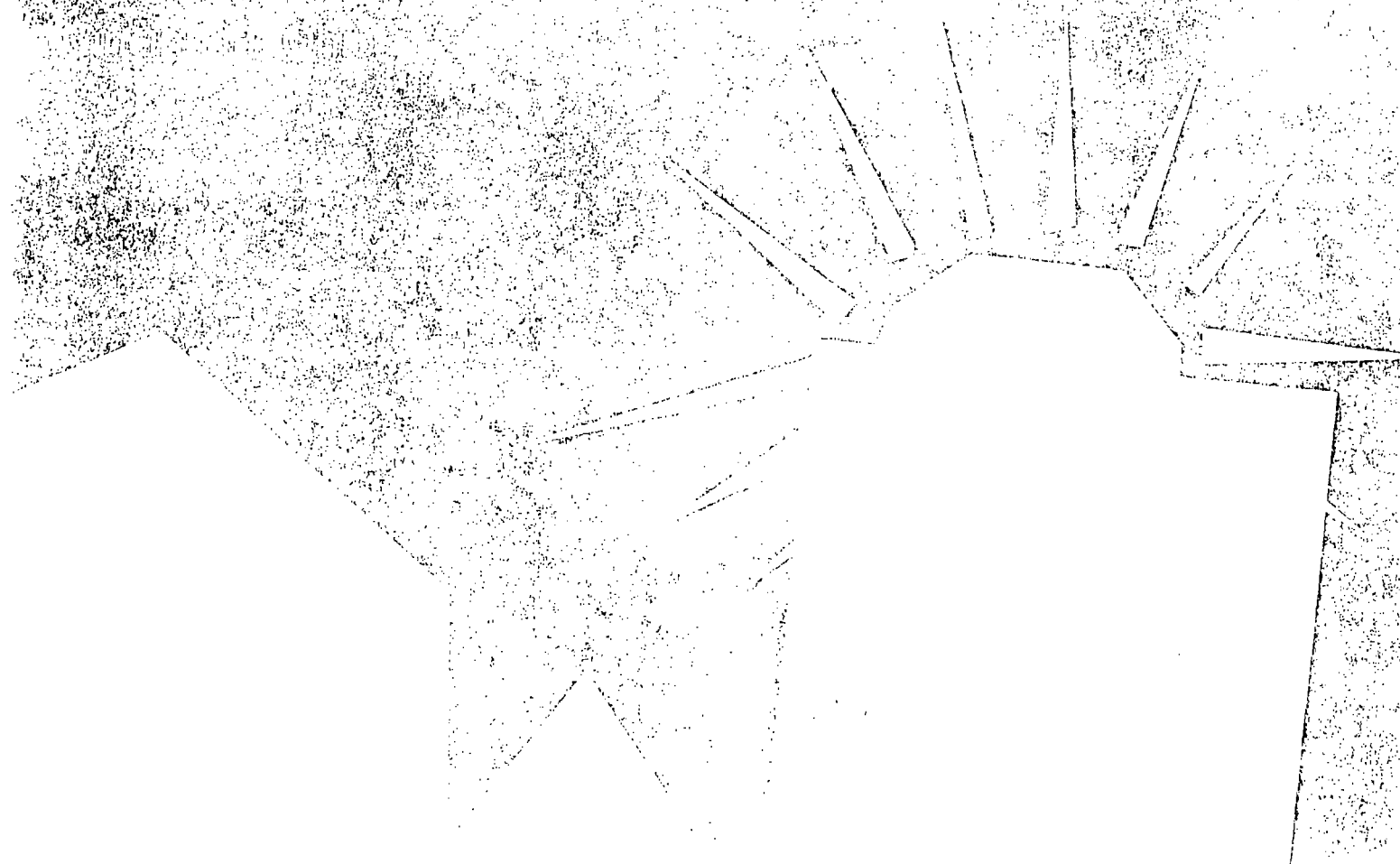
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Hi Nicole--

We really appreciate the First Lady's agreeing to do a video for our conference. Those around here who were lucky enough to hear her speech to the NCPA last Tuesday would be delighted if she could excerpt five minutes from that speech and use it in the video. We would like her to emphasize her personal commitment to the well being of children and families and to speak from her observations and experience about the effects of abuse and neglect, as well as to deliver a hopeful message about how prevention and intervention can interrupt the cycle of maltreatment.

As you know, this is the twelfth national conference on this topic. As an agency, HHS is very committed to supporting ongoing teaching, training and networking efforts such as this, which allow people from all over to get together and learn about the state of the art in child maltreatment research, program and policy.

The First Lady's video will be shown on opening night (November 17). The keynote speaker for that night is James Comer of the Yale Child Development Institute. Carol Williams, the Associate Commissioner of the Children's Bureau will precede Dr. Comer to set the tone for the conference. She will probably also introduce the video. The audience will consist of some 2000-2500 people from all aspects of the field, including social workers, physicians, nurses, lawyers, judges, educators, mental health professionals,

government policy makers and volunteers from the community, so her remarks should probably be wide-ranging. I believe that we provided you with background material for the NCPA speech. I hope that's enough, but let me know if you need more.

Vis a vis the format for the video, we can accommodate just about any format but BETA will give us the best video quality. Nevertheless, we can accept one-half inch VHS format or SP format. Whatever suits you will be fine with us.

Thanks again,
Lynne Heneson
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