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Gala

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
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THE WOMEN'S VENTURE FUND GALA
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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.