



May 13, 2006

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to each of you attending the 30th Anniversary Celebration of UNIFEM. I am so pleased to join my voice with yours in honoring my friend, Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, recipient of the Global Leadership Award; and Terry J. Lundgren, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federated Department Stores, recipient of the Global Champion Award.

The mission of UNIFEM reflects the universal principle that human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights. Tonight, you celebrate the achievements of UNIFEM to foster women's empowerment and gender quality. Placing the advancement of women's human rights at the center of all of its efforts, UNIFEM's financial and technical assistance to programs in the areas of poverty, violence, HIV/AIDS and gender equality in democratic governance helps ensure that women have a seat at the table and a voice in the decisions in their homes, businesses, communities and government.

I thank my friend UNIFEM Executive Director Noeleen Heyzer, Goodwill Ambassador Nicole Kidman and all of UNIFEM's supporters for their hard work and commitment. With our united efforts, UNIFEM will continue to serve as a strong support and resource for women around the world for many years to come.

You have my best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hillary Rodham Clinton
United States Senator