Enduring Support

2011 Gala Dinner
President Bill Clinton

William Jefferson Clinton was the first Democratic president in six decades to be elected twice — first in 1992 and then in 1996. Under his leadership, the country enjoyed the strongest economy in a generation and the longest economic expansion in U.S. history, including the creation of more than 22 million jobs.

After leaving the White House, President Clinton established the William J. Clinton Foundation with the mission to strengthen the capacity of people in the United States and throughout the world to meet the challenges of global interdependence. Today the Foundation has staff and volunteers around the world working to improve lives through several initiatives, including the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative (now the Clinton Health Access Initiative, a separate nonprofit organization) which is helping two million people living with HIV/AIDS access lifesaving drugs. Other initiatives — including the Clinton Climate Initiative, the Clinton Hunter Development Initiative, and the Clinton Giustra Sustainable Growth Initiative — are applying a business-oriented approach worldwide to fight climate change and develop sustainable economic growth in Africa and Latin America. As a project of the Foundation, the Clinton Global Initiative brings together global leaders to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the world’s most pressing issues. In the U.S., the Foundation is working to combat the alarming rise in childhood obesity through the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, and is helping individuals and families succeed and small businesses grow.

In addition to his Foundation work, President Clinton has joined with former President George H.W. Bush three times — after the 2004 tsunami in South Asia, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and Hurricane Ike in 2008 — to help raise money for recovery efforts and served as the U.N. Envoy for Tsunami Recovery.

Building on his longstanding commitment to Haiti as President and through his Foundation, President Clinton was named U.N. Special Envoy for Haiti in 2009 to assist the government and the people of Haiti as they “build back better” after a series of hurricanes battered the country in 2008. Following this year’s devastating earthquake, President Clinton dedicated Clinton Foundation resources to help with immediate and long term relief and assistance, and at the request of President Obama, joined with President George W. Bush to establish the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund, which supports highly effective organizations on the ground in long-term rebuilding efforts.

President Clinton was born on August 19, 1946, in Hope, Arkansas. He and his wife, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, have one daughter, Chelsea, and live in Chappaqua, New York.
President Bill Clinton
Guest of Honor

Ben Affleck
Special Guest

Kuwait-America Foundation
2011 Gala Dinner

Enduring Support
for
USO

and
Operation Enduring Care

Sunday, March 6, 2011

Residence of the Ambassador
of the State of Kuwait
City of Washington
Ben Affleck

In addition to a successful career as an actor, writer and director, Ben Affleck is also a passionate advocate and philanthropist.

In March 2010, Ben founded the Eastern Congo Initiative, an advocacy and grant-making initiative with the mission of working with the Congolese people to support local community-based approaches that create a sustainable society in the long-troubled region. Since 2007, Ben has made multiple trips to Africa, with a focus on eastern Congo. He has focused on understanding the causes and consequences of conflict on the continent, and learning about African solutions to the problems affecting the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). In May 2008, a film crew from ABC's Nightline joined Ben in the DRC, meeting with a diverse set of individuals — including President Joseph Kabila; former armed group leader Laurent Nkunda; refugees and internally displaced people; former child soldiers; and leaders from local and international NGOs, among others — to gather a range of viewpoints on the issues in the region. Nightline produced a full episode narrated by Ben which aired in June 2008. Ben also wrote an article for TIME Magazine which was published in February 2009.

Ben participated in the National Democratic Institute’s International Leaders Forum on global poverty at the Democratic National Convention in August 2008, with panelists including former senator Tom Daschle and former secretary of state Madeleine Albright. Ben shared some of his experiences in Africa with the group, and discussed the benefits of refocusing the depictions of the continent, and Africans, towards the positive change taking place in their countries. In addition to extensive travel throughout the DRC, Ben's learning and advocacy trips have taken him to Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Republic of Congo, Sudan, and Egypt. He is a longtime political activist and strong supporter of many charitable organizations, such as Feeding America, A-T Children's Project, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the Jimmy Fund.

Ben first came to prominence in 1997 with the acclaimed "Good Will Hunting," which he starred in and co-wrote with Matt Damon. For their work, they won an Academy Award\(^*\) for Best Original Screenplay, as well as the Golden Globe Award and Humanitas Prize. He also received the 2007 Best Directorial Debut award from the National Board of Review for "Gone Baby Gone." Ben went on to star in John Madden's Academy Award\(^*\)-winning "Shakespeare in Love," winning a SAG Award\(^*\) as part of the ensemble cast. His subsequent film credits include "Armageddon" and "Pearl Harbor," both directed by Michael Bay; "Forces of Nature"; Ben Younger's "Boiler Room"; Roger Michell's "Changing Lanes"; "The Sum of All Fears"; the screen adaptation of Marvel Comics' "Daredevil"; Kevin Smith's "Jersey Girl"; Kevin Macdonald's "State of Play." Previously, he was seen in the critically acclaimed "Hollywoodland," for which he garnered numerous accolades, including a 2007 Golden Globe nomination. His most recent work includes John Wells' "The Company Men" in which he appeared alongside Tommy Lee Jones and, "The Town," which he co-wrote, directed, and starred in.
Program

Joe Scarborough
AND
Mika Brzezinski
MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Sheikh Salem Al-Sabah
AMBASSADOR OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT

President Bill Clinton
GUEST OF HONOR

Sheikha Rima Al-Sabah
GALA FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN

Ben Affleck
SPECIAL GUEST

Sloan D. Gibson
PRESIDENT OF USO

Michael Bolton
MUSICAL PROGRAM

Closing Remarks
March 6, 2011

Dear Friends,

Since 1941, the USO has provided a “home away from home” for America’s military members and their families around the world. Tonight, as the USO celebrates its 70th anniversary year, Rima and I are delighted to welcome you to our home for the Kuwait-America Foundation’s 2011 gala dinner, Enduring Support.

Your generosity will help wounded warriors find dignity, healing, and hope, through the design and creation of two new, state-of-the-art USO centers, one at the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda and one at Ft. Belvoir. These flagship centers are at the heart of Operation Enduring Care, the USO’s comprehensive initiative to support injured warriors and their loved ones.

The centers will complement the medical care that wounded service members receive with spaces where families can cook and relax, outdoor gardens where children can play, classrooms, a learning center, and help in returning to a full, productive life. Most of all, the centers will be places of compassion and respect, where, as one USO executive explains, “wounded warriors and their families can go and feel good, feel safe, and feel cared for.”

For the people of Kuwait, 2011 is also a special commemorative year, as we celebrate our 20th anniversary of liberation. We will never forget the sacrifices U.S. troops and their families made for us, and we are proud to support the USO in serving them.

With my best wishes for a wonderful evening,

Sincerely,

Sheikh Salem Al-Sabah
Ambassador of the State of Kuwait
Presenting Underwriter
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Chevron
ExxonMobil
Shell Oil Company

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The Dow Chemical Company

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Booz & Company
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Mr. and Mrs. A. Huda Farouki
Fluor Corporation
Ford Motor Company
Mr. and Mrs. John Hofmeister
J.E. Robert Companies
National Bank of Kuwait
Valero
Joe Scarborough

Former Congressman Joe Scarborough (R-Fla.) is the host of MSNBC’s “Morning Joe.” Time Magazine calls the show “revolutionary” and the New York Times ranked it as the top news show of 2008. Along with Mika Brzezinski, “Morning Joe” features interviews with top newsmakers and politicians. In-depth analysis of the day’s biggest stories and is described by the New Yorker as “appallingly entertaining.” Previously, Joe hosted “Scarborough Country,” a primetime news show the San Francisco Chronicle called “must-see TV.” In addition to his career in television, Scarborough is also the author of the New York Times Best Seller “The Last Best Hope: Restoring Conservatism and America’s Promise,” a book that draws on the forgotten genius of conservatism to offer a road map for the movement and the country. Delivering a searing indictment of the political leaders who have led us astray, Scarborough inspires conservatives to reclaim their heritage by drawing upon the strength of the movement’s rich history.

Prior to his career in television, Joe was the publisher and editor of the award-winning newspaper “The Florida Sun.” He served as a member of Congress from 1994-2001. While in office, Joe was a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Armed Services Committee. His 2004 book, “Rome Wasn’t Burnt in a Day,” predicted the collapse of the Republican majority and US economy due to his party’s reckless spending.

Mika Brzezinski

Mika Brzezinski is the co-host of MSNBC’s “Morning Joe.” Her memoir “All Things At Once,” became a New York Times bestseller in January 2010. Brzezinski’s second book, “Knowing Your Value,” which examines the role of women in the workplace and the fight to gain recognition and a fair salary, will be published in April 2011.

Prior to joining MSNBC in January 2007, Brzezinski was an anchor of the “CBS Evening News Weekend Edition” and a CBS News correspondent who frequently contributed to “CBS Sunday Morning” and “60 Minutes.”

A native of New York City, Brzezinski is the daughter of Foreign Policy Expert and former National Security Advisor, Zbigniew Brzezinski. She attended Williams College and received a degree in English. Brzezinski lives in New York with her husband and two daughters.
Menu

First Course
MARYLAND CRAB CAKES

Second Course
WILD MUSHROOM AND TRUFFLE Gnocchi

Entree
COLORADO LAMB CHOPS
HARICOTS VERTS
RISOTTO MILANESSE

Dessert
VANILLA ICE CREAM VACHERIN
WITH VALRHONA CHOCOLATE SAUCE
ARABIC COFFEE
TRADITIONAL ARABIC SWEETS
Michael Bolton

Michael Bolton, the multiple Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and social activist, who has sold more than 53 million albums and singles worldwide, is currently on a 115 city world tour spanning several continents, all while working on a myriad of genre- and style-spanning projects including work in film, television and musicals.

In recognition of his artistic achievements, Michael has received two Grammys for Best Pop Male Vocal Performance, six American Music Awards, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. As a songwriter, he has earned over 24 BMI and ASCAP awards, including Songwriter of the Year, nine Million-Air awards, and the Hitmakers Award from the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Internationally renowned, Michael has recorded and performed with musical icons that have inspired and influenced his own career. He joined Luciano Pavarotti on stage in a highly praised rendition of "Vesti La Giubba," and pays homage to the Italian tenor when performing the aria "Nessun Dorma" at each of his concerts while on tour. He has sung with Placido Domingo, Jose Carreras and Renee Fleming and played guitar with BB King. Bolton earned a Grammy-nomination for "Georgia on my Mind," and was chosen to sing the song to Ray Charles when Charles was inducted into the Jazz Hall of Fame.

A diverse and prolific songwriter, Michael's songs have been recorded and performed by over 100 artists, ranging from country-western legend Conway Twitty to hip hop superstar Kanye West, who along with Jay-Z and John Legend have sampled his music. To date, Michael has seen eight studio albums rank in the Top Ten, with nine #1 singles. Bolton's true signature success was seized with the six-time platinum album "Soul Provider," selling more than 12 million copies world-wide, and showcasing several chart-toppers including the #1 hit single "How Am I Supposed to Live Without You," which earned Michael his first Grammy. Soon after, Bolton released the #1 album "Time, Love & Tenderness," which has sold over 16 million copies world-wide, and features his Grammy Award-winning vocal performance of the #1 blockbuster hit "When a Man Loves a Woman." Michael's songs and performances have been featured in numerous television and film soundtracks, including the Oscar-nominated theme song "Go the Distance" from Walt Disney's blockbuster animated film "Hercules." He also executive produced the documentary "Terror at Home" addressing domestic violence in America.

For his dedication to social activism, Michael has been honored with several humanitarian awards - including the Martin Luther King Award granted by the Congress of Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.), the Lewis Hine Award from The National Child Labor Committee, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor from the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations, and the Frances Preston Lifetime Achievement Award. Michael is especially proud of the initiatives carried out by his own foundation, the Michael Bolton Charities, which strives to end the scourge of violence against women and children in America.
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Kuwait-America Foundation

The Kuwait-America Foundation is an American 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization founded in 1991. Its core mission, inspired by Kuwait's liberation by Allied Coalition forces in the Gulf War, is to express gratitude for American sacrifice and to strengthen ties between the people of the U.S. and Kuwait. Since its inception, KAF has focused its resources on educational programs for youth, sponsoring the Do the Write Thing program, which aims to reduce violence among children in America.

In addition, through its annual gala dinners founded and launched in 2005 by Sheikha Rima Al-Sabah, wife of the Ambassador of The State of Kuwait in Washington, D.C., KAF has expanded its efforts globally by partnering with different organizations to support causes ranging from assisting refugees to promoting education for girls, providing quality healthcare, and protecting the environment.

United Service Organization (USO)

The USO's mission is to lift the spirits of troops and their families. As the needs of the U.S. military have changed over the years, so too has the USO, adapting to ensure that unwavering support is provided to troops and their families no matter where in the world they may be stationed. Every day, the USO challenges itself to look for new ways to better that support. The USO is launching a new initiative to support America's wounded warriors, their families, and caregivers: USO | Wounded Warriors.

USO | Wounded Warriors' goal, which includes USO | Operation Enduring Care, an initiative to raise $100 million, is to create a community of care from the point of injury on the battlefield to a warrior's return home, aiding in providing them a bright future. Under USO | Wounded Warriors, the USO will begin construction in 2011 on new USO Centers at the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, to help heal the wounds of war and provide enduring support to those who have sacrificed for the nation.