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To Ail the Friends and Supporters of the Spence-Chapin Organization:

I am delighted to extend my best wishes to the Spence-Chapin Organization on the occasion of its Annual Gala. It is my pleasure to join you in saluting tonight's honoree, David A. Barrett, for his impressive commitment to Spence-Chapin.

The Spence-Chapin Organization traces its roots back to Clara Spence and Dr. and Mrs. Henry Chapin, who in the early 20th century established numerous nurseries to care for infants who had been left abandoned in hospitals and shelters. Over the course of a century Spence-Chapin has grown to become one of the leading nonprofits for adoption services, offering aid across the globe. Today, Spence-Chapin has placed over 20,000 children in loving homes, and its granny program boasts 1,600 professional grannies and spans seven countries and four continents. Spence-Chapin has never lost sight of its mission to find loving families for children no matter their circumstances or needs, both here and abroad.

I am pleased to recognize David A. Barrett, who has committed himself to Spence-Chapin's mission for the better part of 16 years. Mr. Barrett served on the Spence-Chapin Board from 2000-2016, and has been vice-chair and head of the Legal Committee. Mr. Barrett has also dedicated countless hours to the organization, offering pro-bono legal advice and counsel. I commend his service and commitment to this important cause.

Spence-Chapin's commitment to children and families around the world is truly admirable, and as a mother, I know how important a loving, caring home is for a child. Spence-Chapin's belief that every child should have a home and Mr. Barrett's dedication to this selfless cause is truly heartwarming. I extend my congratulations and thanks to Mr. Barrett, and wish the Spence-Chapin Organization many more years of success!

Sincerely,

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