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Charito Kruvant is the President and CEO of Creative Associates International, an organization that builds capacity for education, civil society, communities in transition, elections and political processes and stabilization and development, provides children and youth with accelerated learning and non-formal education; supports communities and ministries with school reform and development; and enables equity and access to education in conflict and post-conflict environments. Creative is an implementer to the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Department of Defense, the United Nations Development Programme, and the World Bank, among others.

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Prior to that, Dr. Jones was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Women’s Health) and the Director of the Office on Women's Health. In that capacity, Dr. Jones emphasized the elimination of health disparities, addressing HIV/AIDS, supporting women with disabilities and helping women have better access to

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Stephenie Foster is a political advocate in government affairs, program development and training, and law with a focus on the critical role that women play in advancing public policy and development. Prior to joining the State Department's Office of Global Women's Issues as a Senior Policy Advisor, she served at the US Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan focusing on women and civil society. Ms. Foster served as Chief of Staff to two US Senators (Barbara Mikulski and Christopher Dodd), held senior positions at Legacy and Planned Parenthood. Stephenie was appointed by President Clinton as General Counsel for the General Services Administration.

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