



Welcome Your Guests Remarks

You know what words of welcome will be most meaningful for your guests, but here are some points that you might touch on as you gather the group and begin the program.

- I am so glad that you could all make it this afternoon/evening. When I heard about the nationwide campaign to HAVE A PARTY AND CHANGE THE WORLD, I immediately thought of each of you.
- I knew you would be as interested and encouraged and excited as I am to discover that there are committed people around the world who really are making a difference.
- They are called “social entrepreneurs,” and they are working to overcome some of the complex problems that face the less privileged of the world who don’t have our opportunities and resources. Things that we take for granted – like water, education, basic medical care or a safe job – are out of reach for millions.
- The PBS series called *The New Heroes* which tells 12 dramatic stories about people who are tackling these problems.
- I’d like to show you some of these stories today that are on the DVD that I got from the HAVE A PARTY AND CHANGE THE WORLD campaign.

Depending on how you are starting off the screening, one of these alternatives may be a good introduction.

If you are beginning with the Jeff Skoll welcome:

Before we jump into the stories themselves, I’d like to play this short intro with Jeff Skoll. He was the founding president of eBay, and he is particularly interested in social entrepreneurs. The foundation he started, the Skoll Foundation, funded both the PBS documentary and this House Party campaign. In this brief clip he taped for the campaign, he says a few words about why this subject is so important to him.

If you are beginning with the Robert Redford series introduction:

Robert Redford is the host of *The New Heroes*. In the introduction for the series, he explains what a “social entrepreneur” is.

If you are going to play both the Jeff Skoll welcome and Robert Redford introduction:

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