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Silent gratitude isn't very much to anyone.

— Gertrude Stein

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Introduction of Mark Edwards, Co-Founder,
Upstream USA

Remarks by Mark Edwards

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MARK EDWARDS is the co-founder of Upstream USA, a nonprofit organization that provides training and technical assistance to health centers so that women have same-day access to the full range of contraceptive methods, including the most effective, IUDs and the implant. By eliminating barriers at

health centers that prevent a woman from obtaining the birth control method of her choice, Upstream USA's mission is to empower women to become pregnant only if and when they want to, improving outcomes for both parents and their children.

Edwards is a frequent speaker and commentator on the intersection of upward mobility and reproductive health care. His work has been featured in the *New York Times*, VOX, *New York Magazine* and Reuters among others and his writing included in TIME, Brookings Institution Social Mobility Memos, Politico, Huffington Post and the *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

Prior to co-founding Upstream USA, Edwards was the founder and executive director of Opportunity Nation, a national bipartisan campaign made up of 300 national nonprofits focused on expanding economic mobility through bipartisan federal policy reform.

Edwards is a Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation Entrepreneur and an Ashoka Fellow, and serves on the boards of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, Phillips Exeter Academy, Horizons for Homeless Children and the Massachusetts Bay Brewing Company. He is a graduate of Harvard College, is the proud father of three girls and lives with his wife in Massachusetts.

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