

# Cecilia Attias, Sarkozy's Ex-Wife, Hosts NY Gala For Women's Foundation (PHOTOS)

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Cecilia Attias, the former first lady of France, officially made New York her home with Thursday night's inaugural gala dinner for the Cecilia Attias Foundation for Women.

Mrs. Attias divorced President Nicolas Sarkozy in 2007 after 11 years of marriage. The following year she married Morocco-born and New York-based global events planner Richard Attias, who recently created the New York Forum, a conference for the global business elite that will launch in New York in June. Mr. Attias also serves as vice president for the Foundation, which aims "to be a guiding force in making positive change for women across the globe," according to its website.

Guests at the New York Public Library event enjoyed a dinner of Atlantic cod confit, short ribs, and roasted beef tenderloin prepared by Daniel Boulud.

Mrs. Attias, a former fitting model for Elsa Schiaparelli, looked elegant in a black sequin top and tuxedo jacket and slacks.

The breakout star of the evening, though, was [Louis Sarkozy](#), Cecilia and Nicolas's only child. Upon accepting a surprise award for his support of the Foundation, the 12-year-old admitted to the audience, "I don't know much about women." He did, however, want to congratulate his mom on a great speech.