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## Workforce Fair hosted by Christel House, Shiel Sexton for Westside Indianapolis Project

Indianapolis, Ind. – Christel House, along with Shiel Sexton and Contractors of the Christel House Academy West building project, are hosting a Workforce Event on Friday, Oct. 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The event is being held to find construction workers for the Christel House Academy West/DORS West building project on the near Westside of Indianapolis.

"Christel House is eager to build upon our connections with the Westside community, and this Workforce event will be one of many efforts to engage with our neighbors," said Joe Schneider, Senior Vice President and CFO, Christel House International. "To know that our project is also bringing jobs to the area is extremely gratifying."

The event will be held in the Hawthorne Community Center Gymnasium at 2220 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46222. The following trades will be available:

- Masonry
- Roofing
- Glass, Glazing & Storefront
- Caulking
- Finish Carpentry
- Framing, Insulation, Drywall & EIFS
- Acoustical Ceilings
- Painting
- Doors, Frames & Hardware
- Flooring (Carpet, VCT & Base)
- Specialties (Lockes, Toilet Partitions/Accessories, etc.)
- Equipment & Furnishings
- Food Service Equipment

Anyone interested in construction work may come to the event to apply for a position; however, pre-registering a resume is strongly encouraged. Some positions may require current union membership.

"Hawthorne Community Center is pleased to work with Christel House and Shiel Sexton to bring employment opportunities to our community," said Diane Arnold, Executive Director of Hawthorne Community Center. "We look forward to a long relationship with Christel House Academy as we work together to improve the quality of life for all of our residents."

Richard Hunt, the new principal of Christel House Academy West, will also be attending the event to meet with community members interested in learning more about the school.

For additional information or to pre-register a resume, please contact Paulette Gardiner at 317-637-43112 or send resume with cover letter to <u>pgardiner@hawthornecenter.org</u>.

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## **About Christel House Academy**

Established as a public charter school in 2002, Christel House Academy (CHA) currently transforms the lives of more than 600 at-risk students. The school has a 93 percent economically disadvantaged population and a nearly equal representation of Hispanic, Black and White students; 30 percent of the students are English language learners; and 16 percent receive special education services. Recently, CHA became Indiana's first charter school to receive the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform's "School to Watch" designation for its commitment to student achievement.

For more information, please visit www.cha.christelhouse.org.

## **About Shiel Sexton**

Shiel Sexton is among the largest construction management/general contracting firms in the Midwest and is consistently ranked as one of America's Top 400 Contractors, as named by national *Engineering News-Record*. With over 50 years of experience, Shiel Sexton has more than 300 professionals nationwide specializing in all facets of the construction industry including: project management, field supervision, green building, building information modeling (BIM), safety management and quality assurance. To learn more about Shiel Sexton, visit <a href="www.shielsexton.com">www.shielsexton.com</a> or <a href="www.shielsextongreenbuilding.com">www.shielsextongreenbuilding.com</a>.

## **About Hawthorne Community Center**

Hawthorne is a community center that has served the Near West Community for 90 years. Hawthorne's goal is to provide programs focused on skill building and connection to resources through adult services, youth programs and community engagement. Adult services include the Center for Working Families (Employment, Financial Literacy, Adult Education, Basic Needs) and Senior Citizen programs. Youth programs offer year round programming for preschool, elementary and middle school youth focused on providing social, emotional and cognitive support during out-of-school time. Neighborhood engagement focuses on aligning the needs of the community with resources.