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Christel House International Elects New Board Members

Two new board members will help in the cause to break the cycle of poverty

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – In its efforts to help children and families in communities around the world escape poverty, Christel House International (CHI) has elected two new board members. They are:

- Nancy S. Gillespie, Former Human Development Economist, World Bank located in Washington, D.C.
- Donald E. Knebel, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP located in Indianapolis, Ind.

“Christel House has indeed been fortunate to find individuals whose passion for helping impoverished children is complemented by strong business acumen and a global point of view,” said CHI Founder, Christel DeHaan. “These new board members join a group of highly committed and energized directors who are intent on expanding the scope and impact of our organization.”

Gillespie currently resides in Miami Beach, Fla. and spent more than 20 years with the World Bank. In her service at World Bank, Gillespie served in multiple roles and most recently as a Social Protection Consultant for operations in El Salvador, Colombia, Honduras, Bolivia and Haiti; and previously as a Senior Economist and Consultant for the Central America Department of World Bank. She currently serves as a Manager and Corporate Secretary for Sayles Group, LLC. She is also a board member of the Nantucket Land Council and has seven years of experience in leadership roles for various school and university annual funds, alumni and outreach programs.

Knebel resides in Zionsville, Ind. and is a partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP where he is a member of the firm’s Intellectual Property Law Department. He is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since the first edition in 1983. Knebel was also named the 2011 and 2012 Indianapolis Intellectual Property Litigation Lawyer of the year. He serves as adjunct professor and senior advisor to the Center for Intellectual Property Research at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. In addition to his service on a number of not-for-profits boards, Knebel was the chair of the 2010 campaign for United Way of Central Indiana and was the co-chair of the 2013 Classical Fellowship Awards of the American Pianists Association.

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About Christel House International

Christel House International (CHI) is transforming how kids, their families and future generations permanently escape poverty. Much more than a school, CHI was established in 1998 by founder Christel DeHaan and currently serves over 4,000 impoverished children around the world. By providing high quality education, nutritious meals, regular health care, character and life skills development, and career counseling, CHI helps students grow into confident, hardworking and ethical young adults who give back to their families and communities. CHI operates five learning centers in India, Mexico, South Africa and the U.S.A., as well as a career development program in Venezuela. For more information, please visit www.christelhouse.org.

Editor's Note: Please include attached photos of the newly elected Christel House International board members, Nancy Gillespie and Donald Knebel.



Nancy S. Gillespie



Donald E. Knebel