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### **Marlin Jackson Visits Christel House Academy South**

*INDIANAPOLIS* — Marlin Jackson, former Colt’s defensive back player, visited students at Christel House Academy South in Indianapolis. Marlin toured the facility to learn how the Christel House charter network supports the inner-city Indianapolis community in which 20% of residents have neither high school diploma nor a GED. He also stopped by a fourth-grade gym class to participate in a flag football game.

“I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the Christel House Academy. I always enjoy connecting with like-minded organizations that believe education is the key to youth empowerment,” said Marlin Jackson. “I look forward to developing a partnership with such an impactful organization.”

“We appreciate Marlin Jackson’s interest in Christel House Academy,” said Carey Dahncke, Director and Chief Academic Officer of Christel House Academy’s network of charter schools. “The students were thrilled to have Marlin participate in their flag football game.”

Established as a public charter school in 2002, CHA currently transforms the lives of more than 600 low-income students in grades K-12. Students receive textbooks, transportation, school supplies, uniforms, nutritious meals and medical services free or at reduced rates. CHA has been recognized both for its efforts to close the achievement gap between traditionally underserved and at-risk students in Indianapolis. Christel House Academy South Middle School was again designated as an Indiana ‘School to Watch’ by Indiana Middle Level Education Association in 2015.

For more information about Christel House Academy, please visit <http://www.chacademy.org>.

## **About Christel House International**

The mission of Christel House is to transform the lives of impoverished children around the world—breaking the cycle of poverty and building self-sufficient, contributing members of society. A focus on academic excellence through a robust K–12 curriculum is combined with a strong character development program and holistic human development to give students the skills and competencies necessary to compete successfully in complex 21st Century society.

Much more than a school, Christel House was established in 1998 by Founder and CEO Christel DeHaan, and currently serves more than 4,100 impoverished children through seven learning centers located in India, Mexico, South Africa and the U.S.A. Christel House graduates are confident, hardworking, responsible and ethical, with a passion for giving back to their communities and caring for their families. For more information, please visit [www.christelhouse.org](http://www.christelhouse.org).