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## **Christel House International Welcomes New Board Member**

Christel House International (CHI) is pleased to welcome Lucas Montarce to its Board of Directors. He joins a dedicated group of professionals which guides the strategies of learning centers in Mexico, South Africa, India and the United States.

Mr. Montarce is currently the Finance Senior Director — CFO — Lilly USA. He holds an undergraduate degree in business accounting from the Catholic University and a Masters of Business Administration from CEMA. He joined Lilly in Argentina in 2001 and has held a variety of roles including Treasury, Accounting, Financial Planning & Reporting, Business Development and Supply Chain management. In addition, he held multiple leadership assignments as Chief Financial Officer including Argentina & Chile, Central America and Caribbean Countries, Latin America Region and lately in Germany. He recently moved back to Indianapolis with his wife Sofia and his two children, Emma and Matias.

"Christel House recently opened its ninth school," says Christel DeHaan, Founder and CEO of Christel House. "As we plan for the organization's growth and expansion, we are delighted to welcome Lucas Montarce. His global perspective and keen financial expertise will make a valuable contribution to our board."

## **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 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 over 4,600 impoverished students through seven learning centers—located in India, Mexico, South Africa and the U.S.A. Christel House students maintain a 99% graduation exam pass rate, and the majority of its graduates go on to pursue higher education. They become productive citizens, and many secure employment with top multinational corporations. Christel House graduates are confident, hardworking, responsible and ethical, with a passion for giving back to their communities and caring for their families.

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