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## NEW CEO ANNOUNCED FOR CHRISTEL HOUSE SOUTH AFRICA

Adrienne Marais (Adri) will become the new Chief Executive Officer of Christel House South Africa it was announced by Christel DeHaan, Founder and CEO of Christel House International. Marais has an extensive and broad-based background in education, not-for-profit management, education management and fundraising development. Marais previously held the position of CEO of TSiBA Education, an organization she co-founded that provides underprivileged students with full tuition scholarships for study towards a fully accredited BBA degree in Entrepreneurial Leadership. Under Marais' leadership TSiBA has awarded over 1,500 four year scholarships, produced eight Mandela Rhodes Scholars, four Allan Gray Orbis Scholars and three Kofi Annan Fellows and has achieved a post school employment placement program of 93%.

Marais has a BSc (Honours) and Masters in Biochemistry, MBA and a Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education Studies (Cum Laude).

Marais will assume her duties at Christel House South Africa in April.

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## **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 4,550 impoverished students through eight learning centers—located in India, Mexico, South Africa and the U.S.A. Christel House students maintain a 98% 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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