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Christel House Jamaica announces Board of Directors

Christel House Jamaica ("CHJ") has announced its Board of Directors. The NGO is building a new school near Spanish Town which will open in August 2020 for grades KG-2. Each year thereafter an additional 60 kindergarten students will be admitted, and the school will grow organically until it reaches capacity at grade 13.

The Christel House Jamaica Board of Directors

Hon. Sally Porteous CD, JP - Chairman, Christel House Jamaica

Dr. Garth Anderson – President, Church Teacher's College

Christopher Bovell, CD – Attorney, Consultant, Notary Public, Dunn Cox

Felice Campbell - Chief Financial Officer & Director, Apex Healthcare Associates

Christel DeHaan - Founder and Board Chair, Christel House International

Hon. Steadman Fuller, CD, JP Custos Rotulorum of Kingston - Chairman & Managing Director, Kingston Bookshop

Edward Gabbidon – Chief Executive Officer, Syn Con Technologies Ltd; Chairman, HEART Trust NTA

His Grace the Most Rev. & Hon. Charles H. DuFour DD, OJ, CD – Apostolic Administrator, Mandeville Catholic Pastoral Centre

Joseph Schneider - Senior Vice President & CFO, Christel House International

Hon. William Shagoury CD, JP, Custos Rotulorum of Clarendon - CEO Sha-Gore Aggregates, Ltd.

Christel House is an international NGO with a proven track record of helping children from deeply distressed communities around the world achieve their potential. The new school is being built on a 10-acre parcel next to the Jose Marti High School, which the Jamaican government has made available. At its own expense, Christel House is constructing a facility which will ultimately serve approximately 840 students from the area. Admission to the tuition-free school is needs-based. In addition to academics, leadership and character education, students will receive books, uniforms, transportation and health services, as well as breakfast, lunch and a snack daily.

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About Christel House International

The mission of Christel House is to transform the lives of at-risk children around the world—building self-sufficient and contributing members of society. A strong focus on academics is combined with robust character development to give students the skills necessary to compete successfully in complex 21st Century society.

Much more than a school, Christel House was established in 1998 by Founder and Board Chair Christel DeHaan, and currently serves over 5,340 students through seven schools —located in India, Mexico, South Africa and the U.S.A. An eighth school, Christel House Jamaica, will open in August 2020. Christel House students maintain a 97% 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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