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HOLIDAY INN CLUB VACATIONS® RAISES \$250,000 AT ANNUAL RCI® CHRISTEL HOUSE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

ORLANDO, FLA. (June 21, 2017) – Orange Lake Resorts, home to the [Holiday Inn Club Vacations®](#) brand, recently hosted its 15th RCI® Christel House Open® at Holiday Inn Club Vacations at Orange Lake Resort in Kissimmee, Florida. For the second consecutive year, \$250,000 was raised for Christel House International, a charitable organization focused on transforming the lives of impoverished children around the world. More than 150 golfers representing 57 business partners participated June 12 at The Legends at Orange Lake Resort®, a championship, 18-hole Arnold Palmer Signature-designed golf course. Since its inception, the Orange Lake Resort tournament has raised more than \$2 million for the charity's cause, making it the largest and most successful Christel House fundraising golf event.

“We are excited to have received so much support from our industry and partners for the mission of Christel House,” said Don Harrill, CEO of Orange Lake Resorts. “Its unique model of quality education, healthcare and family support truly impacts the lives of thousands of impoverished children every day. As a board member, I see the tremendous impact these schools have on their communities. Holiday Inn Club Vacations is proud to support this important mission.”

“Holiday Inn Club Vacations and Orange Lake Resorts have supported the mission of Christel House by hosting a golf tournament every year since we started this fundraising initiative in 2002,” said Christel House International Founder and CEO, Christel DeHaan. “We are enormously grateful to everyone on the Holiday Inn Club Vacations’ team for their hard work, passion and commitment to making the world a better place. The lives of many children and their families are significantly better as a result.”

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Photo Caption: Orange Lakes Resorts' Stacey Sutherland, VP of Corporate Communications and Brand Services (far left) and Don Harrill, CEO (far right) present a check for \$250,000 to Christel House International. The funds were raised during the 15th RCI Christel House Open held on June 12 at Holiday Inn Club Vacations at Orange Lake Resort in Orlando, Florida.

About Orange Lake Resorts

Orange Lake Resorts encompasses 26 resorts and 7,400 villas in the U.S., with more than 340,000 timeshare owners and 4,600 employees.

Orange Lake Resorts, a leader within the vacation ownership industry with more than three decades of proven success, operates the Holiday Inn Club®. The Holiday Inn Club Vacations® brand was created in 2008 through a strategic alliance with IHG® (InterContinental Hotels Group), one of the world's leading hotel companies. The Holiday Inn Club Vacations flagship property in Orlando, Fla., located next to the Walt Disney World® Resort, was established in 1982 by Holiday Inn® founder Kemmons Wilson. The timeshare brand includes 26 resorts across 13 states. For more information on Holiday Inn Club Vacations or to book reservations, visit hiclubvacations.com. Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/hiclubvacations or Twitter at twitter.com/hiclubvacations.

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 eight learning centers located in India, Mexico, South Africa and the U.S.A. Christel House maintains a 96% high school graduation 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. For more information, please visit www.christelhouse.org.

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