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**INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHARITY BENEFITS FROM ANNUAL
HOSPITALITY, VACATION OWNERSHIP INDUSTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Annual RCI Christel House Open Tournament at Orange Lake Resort Raises \$150,000

ORLANDO, FLA. (June 10, 2015) – Holiday Inn Club Vacations® at Orange Lake Resort continued its 13-year tradition as host of an annual golf tournament benefiting the international children's charity Christel House. More than 150 golfers took part in the RCI Christel House Open June 8 at The Legends at Orange Lake Resort®, a championship 18-hole Arnold Palmer Signature golf course.

The event is the largest and most successful tournament held by Christel House. In total, \$150,000 was raised – \$10,000 more than last year – to support Christel House and its mission of helping children around the world break the cycle of poverty.

“We have a long relationship with Orange Lake Resorts and are impressed every year of the success they bring to this vital fundraising effort,” says Becky Arnett, Director of Timeshare for Christel House based in Indianapolis. “The funds raised are vital to our mission and will help many impoverished children rise out poverty and lead a productive and healthy lives.”

The Christel House Open is played at more than a dozen sites across the U.S. and three internationally: Mexico, United Kingdom and South Africa. Since its inception in 2003, more than \$8.5 million has been raised for the Christel House organization – with 100 percent of the proceeds going to programs and services that directly benefit over 4,000 children annually.

The event at Orange Lake Resort, over the last 13 years, has raised more than \$1.5 million to support the mission. “We are honored to be able to host this event for such a wonderful organization,” says Don Harrill, CEO of Orange Lake Resorts, home to Holiday Inn Club Vacations. “It's very gratifying to know that together, with the generous support of our event sponsors and participants, we can help many deserving children get a second chance in life.”

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About Christel House International

Christel House International (CHI) is transforming how kids, their families and future generations permanently escape poverty. Much more than a school, CHI was established in 1998 by founder Christel DeHaan and currently serves over 4,000 impoverished children around the world. By providing high-quality education, nutritious meals, regular health care, character and life skills development, and career counseling, CHI helps students grow into confident, hardworking and ethical young adults who give back to their families and communities. CHI operates six learning centers in India, Mexico, South Africa and the



U.S., as well as a scholars program in Venezuela. For more information, please visit www.christelhouse.org.

About the Holiday Inn Club Vacations® Brand

The Holiday Inn Club Vacations brand was created in 2008 as a strategic alliance between IHG® (InterContinental Hotels Group) and Orange Lake Resorts, a leader within the vacation ownership industry with more than 30 years of proven success. The Holiday Inn Club Vacations flagship property in Orlando, Fla., located next to Walt Disney World® Resort, was established in 1982 by Holiday Inn® brand founder Kemmons Wilson. Other resort locations include Lake Geneva, Wis., Cape Canaveral, Panama City Beach and Marco Island, Fla., Brownsville, Vt., Myrtle Beach, S.C., Gatlinburg, Tenn., Galveston, Texas, Williamsburg, Va., Las Vegas, Nev., and one in development in Scottsdale, Ariz., scheduled to open in late 2015. For more information on Holiday Inn Club Vacations or to book reservations, visit www.hiclubvacations.com. Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/hiclubvacations or Twitter www.twitter.com/hiclubvacations.

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