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# HOLIDAY INN CLUB VACATIONS® RAISES \$235,000 AT ANNUAL RCI® CHRISTEL HOUSE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

ORLANDO, FLA. (June 27, 2018) – Orange Lake Resorts, home to the Holiday Inn Club Vacations® brand, recently hosted its 16<sup>th</sup> RCI® Christel House Open® at The Legends Golf Course located at Holiday Inn Club Vacations at Orange Lake Resort in Kissimmee, Florida. \$235,000 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 60 business partners participated in the tournament on June 11. 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.

"Every year our team, partners and vendors impress me with how they support this incredible charity," said Tom Nelson, President & CEO of Orange Lake Resorts. "The funds from this event alone, positively impact thousands of children from impoverished countries by providing quality education, healthcare and family support."

"Holiday Inn Club Vacations and Orange Lake Resorts are setting the bar for corporate social responsibility by annually hosting a Christel House Open charity golf tournament," said Christel House International Founder and CEO, Christel DeHaan. "On behalf of nearly 5000 Christel House children around the world, we applaud their generosity and commitment. Their employees and volunteers work tirelessly to make this an event that golfers eagerly anticipate every year. To put this significant contribution into perspective, funds raised from this years' tournament would provide every single Christel House student with school supplies for an entire year."

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<u>Photo Caption</u>: Orange Lakes Resorts' Michael Hall, VP of Regional Operations (far left) and Don Harrill, Vice Chairman Orange Lake Resorts (far right) present a check for \$235,000 to Christel House International. The funds were raised during the 16<sup>th</sup> RCI Christel House Open held on June 11 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 <a href="https://doi.org/hiclubvacations.com">hiclubvacations</a>. Find us on Facebook at <a href="mailto:facebook.com/hiclubvacations">facebook.com/hiclubvacations</a> 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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