



## **Christel House**®

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### **CHRISTEL HOUSE MEXICO RENOVATES SCHOOL, ADDS HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES**

Growing U.S. based charity makes a difference for impoverished kids



The children of Christel House are always eager to come back to school after summer break, but this year it was especially exciting for students of Christel House Mexico who returned to a beautifully renovated new school. Located in the historic zone of Tacubaya in Mexico City, this larger facility will enable expansion through grade 12, and the addition of a “pre-first” grade in 2017, increasing the school’s capacity to 780 over time. Originally built in 1903 to educate impoverished children, the school will continue to support this mission through the work of Christel House, which helps children born into poverty develop into self-sufficient, productive members of society.

At Christel House, kids follow a rigorous academic curriculum, a strong character development program and receive health services that include two meals and a snack daily, as well as routine medical, dental, vision and mental health care. English, technology, the arts and sports round out the academic offerings. As a result, 97% return to school each year, daily attendance is 96% and academic outcomes are well above the national average for both public and private schools. Students' success continues beyond their years at Christel House, with 76% of graduates continuing to study, and 15% going directly into the workforce. And, through the Christel House College & Careers program, these young adults receive assistance as they pursue further education and job placement.

The impact of Christel House extends beyond the classroom, to families and neighborhoods as well. Parent and community outreach programs uplift home living environments. While school is free—as are books and uniforms—parent attendance is mandatory at courses designed to teach them become better caregivers and increase their employability. Parents also volunteer several hours every year to assist with school cleaning and maintenance, thus developing a strong connection to the school family.



### **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 nearly 4,100 impoverished children through seven 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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