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Filantrofilia awards Christel House Mexico A+

Indianapolis, Ind. – Filantrofilia, a nonprofit based in Mexico, has awarded Christel House Mexico a score of 3.56 on a scale of 4.0; one of the highest ratings ever awarded by the organization. This rating corresponds to an A+.

"We are thrilled that Christel House Mexico was evaluated for the first time by Filantrofilia and given an A+ rating - a first in Filantrofilia's history. Forty-eight organizations were evaluated and CH Mexico was one of only five who earned the recognition of 'achieving optimal results,'" says Christel DeHaan, Founder and CEO of Christel House International. "We believe in transparency, accountability and organizational excellence. We are proud of the ratings CH Mexico has received and congratulate our Mexican colleagues."

Filantrofilia's mission is to maximize the impact of philanthropy in Mexico via the rating, professionalization, promotion and channeling of resources to nonprofit organizations. It seeks to build confidence in the work of nonprofit organizations by evaluating a nonprofit's structure and social impact, and by publishing the results. Once Filantrofilia rates an organization, it then works to link the organization to potential donors and help build lasting relationships.

"Filantrofilia believes that Christel House Mexico is providing a substantial and important impact to its beneficiaries," said Nohemí Paredes Hernández, Filantrofilia Senior Evaluator. "The inclusion of monitoring and evaluation strategies during the design and development of programs is rare in the nonprofit sector, and the organization has achieved its strong results thanks to the solid structure provided by Christel House International, as well as the work carried out by the Executive Director, Board Members and staff."

Christel House Mexico was established in Mexico City in 1998 and serves more than 450 severely impoverished students in grades 1-9. It combines the highest quality education with a strong

character building program to give students the tools to escape generational poverty. Good, nutrition, regular healthcare, life skills training, and career counseling form a strong foundation to support students' success.

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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 <u>www.christelhouse.org</u>.

About Filantrofilia

Filantrofilia is the first social rating organization in Latin America. Their innovative methodology is unique and allows social organizations, both operational and donor-oriented, to quantify their social impact and find out their level of organizational development compared with international best practices.

Filantrofilia works closely with many different stakeholder organizations in order to build a new philanthropic culture in Mexico. They envisage a country in which civil society organizations are a real driving force for positive change; a country in which people, organizations, and businesses are empowered to make donations on the basis of clear and transparent information. To learn more about Filantrofilia, please visit: www.filantrofilia.org