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**The Indianapolis Foundation awards \$50,000 grant to Christel House Dropout Recovery School (DORS)**

*INDIANAPOLIS* — The Indianapolis Foundation, a CICF Affiliate has awarded a \$50,000 grant to Christel House Academy to support Christel House DORS West, which gives adults a second chance to earn a high school diploma. In Indianapolis, only 68% of public school students graduate from high school, and only half of the graduates pursue a college degree.

The grant will provide general operating and start-up costs associated with the opening of DORS West.

“We are incredibly thankful for the generous support,” said Carey Dahncke, Director and Chief Academic Officer of Christel House Academy’s network of charter schools. “With so many high school dropouts in the greater Indianapolis area, the need for adult high school options is critically important.”

Opening in August 2015 at the Christel House Academy location near Washington and Tibbs, Christel House DORS West will provide adults over the age of 18 who have dropped out of high school a tuition-free secondary education. These adult students earn a high school diploma, not a GED. Christel House DORS has partnered with the nationally recognized National External Diploma Program (NEDP), to offer a blended, competency-based instructional model that supports adult students. Coupled with dual credit and career certification courses, students also complete coursework through Ivy Tech Community College. Upon graduation, students enter the Christel House Careers and College program, supporting graduates into the workplace or further education.

For more information about Christel House Academy DORS, please visit <http://www.chdors.org>.

**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 seven learning centers located in India, Mexico, South Africa and the U.S.A. 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](http://www.christelhouse.org).