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## **Christel House International Elects Orange Lake Resorts CEO, Don Harrill, to Board**

Indianapolis, Ind. -- Christel House International (CHI) is pleased to welcome Don Harrill, Chief Executive Officer of Orange Lake Resorts, to its Board of Directors.

Harrill brings more than three decades of experience in the hospitality industry to Christel House. This includes positions at industry-leading timeshare organizations Trendwest Resorts and Hilton Grand Vacations Company. Since becoming CEO of Orange Lake Resorts in 2005 and launching the Holiday Inn Club Vacations brand in 2008, he has led the company to a consecutive 10 years of record growth.

As a leader within the industry and former ARDA (American Resort Development Association) Chairman, Don is a key voice in the timeshare industry. He avidly champions corporate philanthropy while quietly providing personal support to many community charities. In 2011, Orange Lake Resorts received the ARDA Ace Philanthropic Award, among the highest honors within the timeshare industry.

An ardent supporter of Christel House, Harrill has visited the Mexico City learning center and regularly leverages his voice within the timeshare industry to help raise funds and awareness for the organization. Since 2001, Harrill and the team at Orange Lake Resorts have raised more than \$1.5M for Christel House.

"Christel House has indeed been fortunate to find individuals whose passion for helping impoverished children is complemented by strong business acumen and a global point of view," said CHI Founder and CEO, Christel DeHaan. "Don joins a group of highly committed and energized directors who are intent on expanding the scope and impact of our organization."

"I am truly honored to be named to the Christel House Board of Directors," said Harrill. "The organization does tremendous work helping break the cycle of poverty of impoverished children and their families and transforming these boys and girls into the next generation of leaders. Christel continues to create a remarkable legacy through Christel House and I look forward to all we will accomplish together."

Harrill will participate in governing operations of the nonprofit and its schools in Indianapolis, India, Mexico, and South Africa.

For more information about Christel House, please visit [www.christelhouse.org](http://www.christelhouse.org).

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### **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 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](http://www.christelhouse.org).

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