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ABIERTO FOUNDATION EMPOWERS CHILDREN THROUGH STEM PROGRAMMING FOR CHRISTEL HOUSE ACADEMY

Seventh grade students at Christel House Academy West (CHAW) will benefit from STEM educational tools and materials through support provided by Abierto through its Kits4Kids program, announced Carey Dahncke, Head of Schools, Christel House Academy and Sai Akhil Pulikam, President, Abierto. The grant of \$2,100 will purchase items for student use in the 2019-2020 school year.

“Opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programming are key to success for many future careers,” says Dahncke. “We appreciate Abierto providing tools for our middle-school students.” STEM materials include Math kits, personal white boards, and MultiView calculators. “Kits4Kids Initiative of Abierto believes helping kids will create a sustainable future with transferable skills, a love for knowledge and institute confidence,” says Pulikam. “We’re humbled and proud to support these deserving students at Christel House Academy West.”

About Christel House Academy

Established as a public charter school in 2002, Christel House Academy (CHA) today operates four schools in Indianapolis—CHA South, serving at-risk students in grades K-12; CHA West currently serving grades K-6, and two adult high schools, Christel House DORS South and Christel House DORS West. CHA provides a holistic human development approach that focuses on building strong character to complement each child’s rigorous academic foundation. Through its College & Careers program, CHA continues to support its graduates through post-secondary education and job placement so they become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

Christel House Academy South was Indiana's first charter school to receive the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform's "School to Watch" designation. Additional recognition includes the Indiana Achievement and Breakthrough Schools Awards. It has also been named a 2018 National School of Character by Character.org. For more information, please visit www.chacademy.org.

About Abierto

Abierto is a non-profit organization, dedicated to balancing inequities that surround education and social services for children and youth. Through areas in education, training, fellowships and opportunities through its various schools and establishments, Kits4Kids initiative believes that every child is exceptional and can learn uniquely.

Abierto's social agenda is focused on creating opportunities through education and human development. It is mandated to play an active role in supporting the implementation of the social services which includes promoting access to mainstream education opportunities for all, promoting global awareness through higher education; and youth exchange activities and volunteer programs with the view of facilitating greater awareness among youth with a vision of a cohesive community of caring societies. For more information, please visit www.kits4kids.net.