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Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston gifted \$500,000 from the Kinder Foundation
Donation honors and furthers vision of the school's late founder

HOUSTON – December 15, 2016 – Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston is proud to announce it has received a generous \$500,000 grant from the Kinder Foundation. Given in memory of the school's late founder, Father TJ Martinez, S.J., the donation sees that his vision – to empower students of all faiths from economically challenged families to reach their full potential – continues to thrive even during difficult financial times.

Every Cristo Rey student attends the school by way of scholarship. The Foundation's gift toward the school's newly-established endowment will help Cristo Rey Jesuit begin to fund, in perpetuity, 30% of the student scholarships given annually.

The Kinder Foundation's gift comes shortly after the second anniversary of Father Martinez's passing. Kinder Foundation President Nancy Kinder said, "Father Martinez's dynamic force is greatly missed, but we are pleased to help his legacy live on through the continued enrollment of diverse, exceptional students, a 100% college acceptance rate, and a quality faculty that is second to none."

"We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing generosity of the Kinder Foundation. The energy and legacy of Fr. Martinez is apparent in the tremendous progress Cristo Rey Jesuit continues to make towards providing a transformative experience for Houston's youth," stated Paul Posoli, Cristo Rey Jesuit President.

The Kinder Foundation has supported Cristo Rey Jesuit since its inception. A \$1 million lead gift helped launch the school under Father Martinez's leadership in 2009; Foundation Chairman Rich Kinder gave the commencement address to the school's first graduating class in 2013; and the Foundation has supported the Corporate Work-Study Program by helping to place students at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and Kinder Morgan.

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About Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston

Cristo Rey Jesuit, a Catholic high school, combines personal responsibility, academic rigor, and a corporate work-study program to empower students of all faiths from economically challenged families to reach their full potential. The school opened its doors with some 80 students in August 2009. Currently, all of the school's 535 students participate in the Corporate Work-Study Program where four students share one entry-level position at corporations around the city. 100% of the students from each of Cristo Rey Jesuit's graduating classes has been accepted into college. Cristo Rey Jesuit is part of a larger network of 32 schools across the nation. For more information: www.cristoreyjesuit.org.

About the Kinder Foundation

The Kinder Foundation, a family foundation established in 1997 by Rich and Nancy Kinder of Houston, Texas, provides transformational grants that impact urban green space, education, and quality of life. More at kinderfoundation.org.