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**VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Attorney General Gordon MacDonald  
Office of the Attorney General  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03301

*Re: Incident Notification*

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

We are writing on behalf of our client, Christendom College, to notify you of a security incident that occurred at one of its vendors, Blackbaud, Inc. ("Blackbaud").

Christendom College is a Catholic liberal arts college located in Front Royal, Virginia. Blackbaud is a software company that provides cloud-based services to thousands of schools, hospitals, and non-profits, including Christendom College.

Christendom College was notified by Blackbaud on July 16, 2020 that it had discovered a ransomware attack on Blackbaud's network in May 2020. Blackbaud reported that it conducted an investigation, determined that there had been unauthorized access to its systems between February 7, 2020 and May 20, 2020, that backup files containing information from some of its clients had been taken from its network, and an attempt was made to encrypt files to convince Blackbaud to pay a ransom. Blackbaud paid a ransom and obtained confirmation that the stolen files had been destroyed. Blackbaud also reported that it has been working with law enforcement.

Initially, Blackbaud informed Christendom College that the fields in the database backups containing personal information were encrypted and not accessible by the unauthorized individual. However, Blackbaud's further investigation determined that this was not the case, and informed Christendom College of their updated findings on September 29, 2020.

Following receipt of the notifications about the incident from Blackbaud, Christendom College launched its own investigation to identify the individuals whose information may have

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been involved in the Blackbaud incident. On November 17, 2020, Christendom College determined that the Blackbaud backup files contained certain information pertaining to some of its donors, including their names, Social Security numbers, and financial account numbers. Christendom College then worked to identify contact information for the donors to provide them notification.

Beginning today, March 31, 2021, Christendom College is mailing notification letters to 7 New Hampshire residents via United States Postal Service First-Class mail. A copy of the notification letter is enclosed.<sup>1</sup> Blackbaud is offering the New Hampshire residents with Social Security numbers involved complimentary, two-year memberships to credit monitoring and identity theft prevention services through CyberScout. Christendom College has established a dedicated phone number where the individual may obtain more information regarding the incident.

To help prevent something like this from happening again, Christendom College is re-evaluating its relationship with Blackbaud and reviewing the security requirements it has for its data solution service vendors. Blackbaud has informed Christendom College that they identified and fixed the vulnerability associated with this incident, implemented several changes that will better protect data and are undertaking additional efforts to improve the security of its environment through enhancements to access management, network segmentation, and deployment of additional endpoint and network-based platforms.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this incident.

Sincerely,



David E. Kitchen  
Partner

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<sup>1</sup> This report does not waive Christendom College's objection that New Hampshire lacks personal jurisdiction over it related to any claims that may arise from this incident.



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Dear <<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>,

Greetings in Christ Jesus our Lord. I pray that you are well. I am writing today to notify you of a data security incident that occurred at one of our software vendors, Blackbaud, Inc. ("Blackbaud"), and to explain how this situation was resolved. Because you are in close relationship with the College, we want to be sure that we explain as much as we can in this letter. However, if you should have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Blackbaud is a software company that provides cloud-based services to thousands of schools, hospitals, and other non-profits. Late last summer, Blackbaud discovered an attempted criminal ransomware attack that it believed had resulted in backup files containing client information being stolen from its network sometime between February 7 and May 20, 2020. To protect the data, Blackbaud paid a ransom and received confirmation that the stolen files had been destroyed. Blackbaud also worked with law enforcement to investigate the attack.

Initially, Blackbaud informed us that any fields in the stolen files that contained personal information were encrypted and not able to be accessed by the unauthorized individual who stole the data. However, a further investigation by Blackbaud later in the year determined that this was not the case for all of the data, and Blackbaud informed us of their updated findings. We then worked with Blackbaud to identify precisely whose information may have been involved and determined that the backup files contained some accessible unencrypted information relating to you. Finally, we then performed a thorough analysis of our data to determine if the unencrypted information included any of your personal information.

The backup file involved contained your <<b2b\_text\_1(DataElements)>>.<<b2b\_text\_2(ExplanatorySentence)>> Blackbaud has assured us that the backup file has been destroyed by the unauthorized individual. At this time, there is no reason to believe any data was or will be misused, disseminated, or otherwise made available publicly, nor are we currently aware of any incidences of the data being misused or disseminated.

Even though we have no evidence that your personal information has been misused, we wanted to let you know this happened and assure you we take any risk to your personal information very seriously. As a precaution, Blackbaud is offering you a complimentary membership to Identity Monitoring and Fraud Resolution services for two years. This product provides you with identity detection and resolution of identity theft. These services are completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. **For more information on the Identity Monitoring and Fraud Resolution services, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary two-year membership, as well as some additional steps you can take in response, please see the additional information provided in the following pages.**

We are notifying you of this incident and sharing the steps that we, and Blackbaud, are taking in response. Blackbaud has informed us that they identified and fixed the vulnerability associated with this incident, implemented several changes that will better protect your data from any subsequent incidents, and are undertaking additional efforts to harden their environment through enhancements to access management, network segmentation, and deployment of additional endpoint and network-based platforms. We are undertaking a thorough review of how our information is stored with Blackbaud and evaluating its security safeguards. We welcome any suggestions or thoughts you may have at this time.

We sincerely regret that this occurred and are very sorry that you have been a part of it. We apologize for any difficulties or inconvenience that may result. We consider each and every employee, former employee, former student, and friend of the College to be a part of our extended community and value your trust. Should you have any further questions, comments, or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 540-551-9237 or at [mark.rohlana@christendom.edu](mailto:mark.rohlana@christendom.edu). If you would prefer to contact our dedicated incident response line, please call 1-855-935-6072, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time, excluding major U.S. holidays.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rohlena". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mark Rohlena  
Executive Vice President

## Information about Identity Monitoring and Fraud Resolution Services

### How do I enroll for the free services?

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please navigate to:

**[link]**

If prompted, please provide the following unique code to gain access to services: [code]

Once registered, you can access Monitoring Services by selecting the "Use Now" link to fully authenticate your identity and activate your services. **Please ensure you take this step to receive your alerts.**

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll by **May 15, 2021**.

### Additional Information about Identity Monitoring and Fraud Resolution Services

Blackbaud is providing you with access to **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring** services at no charge. Services are for 24 months from the date of enrollment. When changes occur to your Experian credit file, notification is sent to you the same day the change or update takes place with the bureau. In addition, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions you might have. In the event you become a victim of fraud you will also have access to remediation support from a CyberScout Fraud Investigator. In order for you to receive the monitoring service described above, you must enroll by **May 15, 2021**.

**Proactive Fraud Assistance.** For sensitive breaches focused on customer retention, reputation management, or escalation handling, CyberScout provides unlimited access during the service period to a fraud specialist who will work with enrolled notification recipients on a one-on-one basis, answering any questions or concerns that they may have. Proactive Fraud Assistance includes the following features:

- Fraud specialist-assisted placement of fraud alert, protective registration, or geographical equivalent, in situations where it is warranted.
- After placement of a Fraud Alert, a credit report from each of the three (3) credit bureaus is made available to the notification recipient (United States only).
- Assistance with reading and interpreting credit reports for any possible fraud indicators.
- Removal from credit bureau marketing lists while Fraud Alert is active (United States only).
- Answering any questions individuals may have about fraud.
- Provide individuals with the ability to receive electronic education and alerts through email. (Note that these emails may not be specific to the recipient's jurisdiction/location.)

**Identity Theft and Fraud Resolution Services.** Resolution services are provided for enrolled notification recipients who fall victim to an identity theft as a result of the applicable breach incident. ID Theft and Fraud Resolution includes, but is not limited to, the following features:

- Unlimited access during the service period to a personal fraud specialist via a toll-free number.
- Creation of Fraud Victim affidavit or geographical equivalent, where applicable.
- Preparation of all documents needed for credit grantor notification, and fraud information removal purposes.
- All phone calls needed for credit grantor notification, and fraud information removal purposes.
- Notification to any relevant government and private agencies.
- Assistance with filing a law enforcement report.
- Comprehensive case file creation for insurance and law enforcement.
- Assistance with enrollment in applicable Identity Theft Passport Programs in states where it is available and in situations where it is warranted (United States only).
- Assistance with placement of credit file freezes in states where it is available and in situations where it is warranted (United States only); this is limited to online-based credit freeze assistance.
- Customer service support for individuals when enrolling in monitoring products, if applicable.
- Assistance with review of credit reports for possible fraudulent activity.
- Unlimited access to educational fraud information and threat alerts. (Note that these emails may not be specific to the recipient's jurisdiction/location.)

## **ADDITIONAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE**

We remind you it is always advisable to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

- *Equifax*, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com), 1-800-685-1111
- *Experian*, PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com), 1-888-397-3742
- *TransUnion*, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com), 1-800-916-8800

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

- *Federal Trade Commission*, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

### ***Fraud Alerts and Credit or Security Freezes:***

**Fraud Alerts:** There are two types of general fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for one year. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years.

To place a fraud alert on your credit reports, contact one of the nationwide credit bureaus. A fraud alert is free. The credit bureau you contact must tell the other two, and all three will place an alert on their versions of your report.

For those in the military who want to protect their credit while deployed, an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment. The credit bureaus will also take you off their marketing lists for pre-screened credit card offers for two years, unless you ask them not to.

**Credit or Security Freezes:** You have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, free of charge, which makes it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. That's because most creditors need to see your credit report before they approve a new account. If they can't see your report, they may not extend the credit.

*How do I place a freeze on my credit reports?* There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. For information and instructions to place a security freeze, contact each of the credit reporting agencies at the addresses below:

- **Experian Security Freeze**, PO Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)
- **TransUnion Security Freeze**, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)
- **Equifax Security Freeze**, PO Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

You'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information.

After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

*How do I lift a freeze?* A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.

Christendom College's mailing address is 134 Christendom Drive, Front Royal, Virginia 22630, and the phone number is 540-636-2900.

**Additional information for residents of the following states:**

**Connecticut Residents:** You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *Connecticut Attorney General's Office*, 165 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-808-5318, [www.ct.gov/ag](http://www.ct.gov/ag)

**District of Columbia Residents:** You may contact and obtain information from your attorney general at: *Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia*, 441 4th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, 1-202-727-3400, [www.oag.dc.gov](http://www.oag.dc.gov)

**Maryland Residents:** You may contact and obtain information from your attorney general at *Maryland Attorney General's Office*, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023 / 1-410-576-6300, [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us)

**New York:** You may contact and obtain information from these state agencies:

- *New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection*, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231-0001, 518-474-8583 / 1-800-697-1220, <http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection>;
- *New York State Office of the Attorney General*, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, <https://ag.ny.gov>

**North Carolina:** You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *North Carolina Attorney General's Office*, 9001 Mail Service Centre, Raleigh, NC 27699, 1-919-716-6000 / 1-877-566-7226, [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov)

**West Virginia:** You have the right to ask that nationwide consumer reporting agencies place "fraud alerts" in your file to let potential creditors and others know that you may be a victim of identity theft, as described above. You also have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report, as described above.

**A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act:** The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Your major rights under the FCRA are summarized below. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

- You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.
- You have the right to know what is in your file.
- You have the right to ask for a credit score.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.
- Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.
- Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.
- Access to your file is limited.
- You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.
- You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.
- You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization.
- You may seek damages from violators.
- Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.