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January 3, 1995

Florida Division of Incorporation
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$70 for filing fees for:

Families In Distress, Inc.

Enclosed is a copy of the Articles to be stamped and sent back to:

Patricia L. Severts
931 Lyons Road #4103
Coconut Creek, Florida 33063
(305) 973-9446

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Thank you,

Patricia Severts

Patricia L. Severts

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Articles of Incorporation
of
Families in Distress, Inc.

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A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the Incorporators for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the provisions of the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act as follows:

ARTICLE I

Name: The name of the corporation is Families in Distress, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Duration: The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

Office: The location of the corporation is in the County of Broward, and the state of Florida. The address of the registered is 931 Lyons Road #4103, Coconut Creek, Florida 33063. The registered agent is Patricia L. Severts.

ARTICLE IV

Purpose: The corporation is organized as a non-profit corporation for the following purposes:

(A) The specific and primary purposes are:

- (1) To provide monetary, moral and resource assistance to families in a crisis situation.
- (2) To act as a resource center to provide information to the community on the services available in the community.

(B) In furtherance, but not limitation of the foregoing charitable and educational purpose, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

- (1) To solicit, collect, and receive monies and other assets, and to administer funds and contributions received by grant, gift, deed bequest or devise, otherwise to acquire moneys securities, property, rights and services of

every kind of description or otherwise dispose of any monies, securities, property, rights or services acquired for the purposes above mentioned.

- (2) To exercise all other rights and powers conferred upon corporations formed under the General Non-Profit Corporation Act of the State of Florida, provided, however, that the Corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers, including those specifically mentioned herein, that are not in furtherance of the specific and primary charitable and educational purposes of the corporation.
- (c) All of the foregoing purposes and powers shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such manner that the Corporation shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE V

Qualifications of Members: Any person 21 years of age or older committed to the specific and primary purposes stated herein, upon the approval of the board of directors, shall be eligible for membership in this Corporation.

ARTICLE VI

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any public campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from Federal and State income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE VII

Incorporators: The names and residences of each of the incorporators are as follows:

Patricia Severts
931 Lyons Road #4103
Coconut Creek, Florida 33063

ARTICLE VIII

Officers: The names of the officers chosen at the initial meeting and who will serve until their respective successors are elected at the subsequent meeting are as follows:

President/Secretary Patricia L. Severts

The officers of the corporation shall be elected by the members of the Corporation and each officer must be a member in good standing.

ARTICLE IX

Board of Directors: The names and residences of the initial directors until the first meeting of the corporation are:

1. Richard Severts
931 Lyons Road #4103
Coconut Creek, Florida 33063
2. Guy Martin
890 S Ocean Way
Deerfield, Florida
3. Rebecca Shelton
951 Lyons Road #6106
Coconut Creek, Florida 33063

The number of Directors may be fixed or changed from time to time by amendment of the By-Laws of this Corporation adopted by the vote of the members of the Corporation entitled to exercise a majority of the voting power, or the vote of the majority of a quorum at a meeting of Members of the Corporation called pursuant to the By-Laws, but in no event shall the number of Directors be less than three (3) Directors.

ARTICLE X

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, alter, or reject the By-Laws of the Corporation by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Directors at any meeting called pursuant to the by-laws.

ARTICLE XI

The Board of Directors shall have the power to amend these Articles of Incorporation by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, provided that any such action be undertaken in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XII

This Corporation is formed solely for charitable and educational purposes. The Corporation is not organized, nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit, and it will not distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to the Members thereof, or to any individual, except that the compensation for services rendered and to make

payments and distributions in furtherance of its specific and primary purposes. The irrevocably dedicated to charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, and no part of the profit or net income of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any Director, Officer, or Member of to the benefit of any individual.

ARTICLE XIII

Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to an organization and used exclusively to accomplish the general purposes for which this Corporation is organized. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of Broward County, in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

ARTICLE XIV

Any person, their heir, executor or assign: made or threatened to made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he/she is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expense, including attorneys' fees and disbursements incurred by him/her in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which is shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his/her duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights of which such Director or Officer may be entitled apart from this Article.

In witness whereof, the Incorporators have signed these Articles of Incorporation the
3 day of Jan, 1995.

Patricia L. Lewis

Janet Ward

JANET V. WARD
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA
MY COMM. EXPIRES OCT. 29 1995
COMMISSION # CC156236

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the Corporation is: Families in Distress, Inc.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Patricia L. Severts
931 Lyons Road #4103
Coconut Creek, Florida 33063

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

SIGNATURE

Patricia L. Severts

DATE

Jan 3, 1995

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 Families In Distress, Inc.
1611 North State Road # 7
Margate, FL. 33063
(305) 984-9904 Fax (305) 984-9903

November 4, 1995

Amendment Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$35.00 for
the filing fee for:

Families in Distress, Inc.

Enclosed are copies of the Articles of Amendment to
Articles of Incorporation to be stamped and sent back to:

Patricia L. Severts
Families in Distress, Inc.
1611 North State Road 7
Margate, FL 33063
(305) 984-9904

Thank you,

Patricia L. Severts

Patricia L. Severts
President

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Encl.

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HELPING FAMILIES IN CRISIS.

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
to
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of
FAMILIES IN DISTRESS, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.

FIRST: Amendment adopted:

ARTICLE XIII is being amended to read:

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, state, or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

SECOND: The date of adoption of the amendment was:
October 31, 1995.

THIRD: Adoption of Amendment:

There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment was adopted by the board of directors.

FAMILIES IN DISTRESS, INC.

Corporation Name

Patricia L. Severts

Signature of President

PATRICIA L. SEVERTS

Typed Name

President

November 4, 1995

Title

Date

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