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Re: Blue Lakes Autism Support Team, Inc.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find an original and copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above captioned corporation along with a check for \$78.75 for the following:

Filing Fee and	
Registered Agent fee:	\$70.00
Certified Copy:	<u>\$ 8.75</u>
Total:	\$78.75

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Please return the certified copy to me at the address listed above. Thank you for your assistance and prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Carol Goldstein Stiefel

Enclosures

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BLUE LAKES AUTISM SUPPORT TEAM, INC.

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a not for profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the corporation shall be: Blue Lakes Autism Support Team, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "BLAST").

ARTICLE II

Principle Place of Business and Mailing Address

The principal place of business and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be:

Blue Lakes Elementary School  
9250 Southwest 52<sup>nd</sup> Terrace  
Miami, Florida 33165

ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are:

- a. to serve as a parent support organization to enhance the student's learning environment while in the Blue Lakes Autism Program.
- b. to raise funds for the purpose of enhancing the student's educational experience.
- c. to provide funds to support additional teacher training, classroom material and guest speakers.
- d. to serve as effective liaisons between parents and the administration.
- e. to actively communicate with local, state and national autism organizations for the purposes of enhancing programming.
- f. to enhance therapeutic services and programs offered to autistic students.

- g. to create awareness and educate within Blue Lakes Elementary School and the community in autism issues.
- h. to network with other parent support groups from Dade County Public Schools.

BLAST is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Management of the Corporation

- a. Members. Membership in BLAST shall be open to any person desiring to promote the goals of the Corporation without regard to race, color, creed or national origin.
- b. Board of Directors. The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised, under the authority of and its affairs conducted, by a Board of Directors, elected by the members of the Corporation. The director must be a member of the Corporation. The number of directors of the Corporation shall be a minimum of three and a maximum of fifteen. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the officers of BLAST, the chairpersons of the standing committees, the Blue Lakes autism support teacher, an autism professional advisor and parent representative.

Each member of the Board of Directors shall serve a term of one year.

The names and addresses of such first members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Marie-Ilene Whitehurst, 4809 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida 33146

John Buckley 16720 S.W. 74 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33157

Vidal Lorenzo, 11656 N.W. 89 Court, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33018

Debra Blanco, 5130 S.W. 99 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33165

Brenda Catanese, 9250 S.W. 52<sup>nd</sup> Terrace, Miami, Florida 33165

Dr. Michael Alessandri, Director, Center for Autism and Related Disabilities,  
University of Miami, P.O. Box 248768, Coral Gables, Florida 33124

Alba Castellon, 4100 S.W. 82 Court, Miami, Florida 33155

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members, to be held on Monday, September 13, 1999, at seven o'clock p.m. at Blue Lakes Elementary School, 9250 S.W. 52<sup>nd</sup> Terrace, Miami, Florida 33165, at which time an election of officers and directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve until the next annual meeting of members and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings of members shall be held on the first Monday in May of each year at the principal office of the Corporation, or at such other place or time as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such actions. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the corporation authorize the directors to so act.

Vacancies occurring on the Board prior to the expiration of any term shall be filled for the balance of that term by nomination of one or more of the members of the Board of Directors, approval for which should be accomplished by a majority vote of the entire Board members. Directors shall serve without compensation.

C. Officers. The members of the Corporation shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and any other such officer as the By-Laws of the corporation may authorize the members to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE V

### Limitation of Corporate Powers

The corporate powers of the Corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302

Florida Statutes except as limited by this Article V. No part of the net earnings or contributions of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

## ARTICLE VI

### Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a 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 Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE VII

### Indemnification

The Corporation shall indemnify each director and officer of the Corporation against any and all expenses reasonably incurred by him in connection with, or arising out of, any action, suit or proceeding of any kind in which he may be involved, or is threatened to be made a party, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Corporation (whether or not he continues to be a director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred) to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendment of Articles

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and present to a quorum of directors for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of three quarters of a quorum of the Directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX

Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is:

John Buckley  
16720 S.W. 74 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33157

ARTICLE X

Incorporator

The name and the street address of the incorporator for these articles of incorporation is:

Carol Goldstein Stiefel, Esq.  
1550 Madruga Avenue, Suite 120  
Coral Gables, Florida 33146

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999.

Carol Goldstein Stiefel  
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COUNTY OF DADE     )

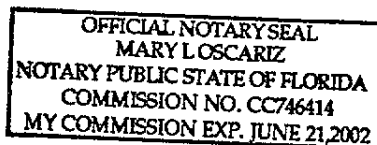
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Carol Goldstein Stiefel to me known to be the person who subscribed to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of Blue Lakes Autism Support Team, Inc., and she acknowledged that she did freely and voluntarily execute the said Articles of Incorporation for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 18 day of May, 1999.

Mary L. Oscariz

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FL.

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My Commission Expires:



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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT  
AND  
REGISTERED OFFICE**

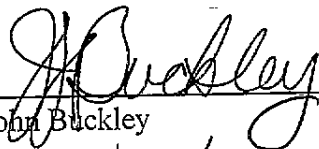
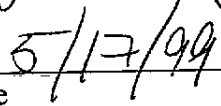
In accordance with Chapter 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the following designation and acceptance is submitted in compliance thereof.

**DESIGNATION**

Blue Lakes Autism Support Team, Inc., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby designates John Buckley as its registered agent and 16720 S.W. 74 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33157, as its registered office.

**ACCEPTANCE AS REGISTERED AGENT**

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.

  
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John Buckley  
  
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Date