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Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
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SUBJECT: Trinity Housing and Neighborhood Services, Inc.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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& Certificate of Status

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Status

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FROM: Farnita L. Saunders  
Name (Printed or typed)

720 W. Railroad St.  
Address

Monticello, FL 32344  
City, State & Zip

850-410-1555  
Daytime Telephone number

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STATE OF FLORIDA

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
of  
**Trinity Housing and Neighborhood Services, Incorporated**  
A Not For Profit Corporation

*The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:*

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be TRINITY HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, INCORPORATED

**ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation in the State of Florida shall be 720 N. Railroad Street, Monticello, Florida 32344. The Corporation shall have other offices as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Corporation may require.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

- (1) This corporation is organized to provide various housing and neighborhood services and to create partnerships with private and public entities in order to increase the number of home ownership opportunities to ensure that the community remains a desirable and sustainable place to reside.
- (2) This Corporation shall exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including, but not limited to acquire, gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, purchase, mortgage, or lease without limitation to its amount or value.

- (3) This corporation is also organized exclusively for one or more purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for 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 codes.
- (4) This corporation shall purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares an other interests in, or obligations of, other corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships, or individuals.
- (5) This corporation shall perform other functions and to such other things that are incidental to the purposes of the corporation or necessary in order to accomplish the mission of the Corporation specifically, but not limited to construct homes for first time and low income individuals and families; to rehabilitate and/or renovate existing homes; to conduct educational workshops; to refer individuals and/or families to financial institutions and mortgage companies for the purpose of obtaining a mortgage; originate loans; provide lease/purchase options; provide down payment and closing cost assistance based on funds availability; to borrow money at such rate that the corporation may determine; to receive money; to apply for and accept advances, loans, grants, and/or any forms of monies or financial assistance or programs from the Federal Government or the State, county, municipalities, or other public body or from any other sources, public or private.
- (6) To give such security and execute and carry out any contracts or agreements; to appropriate funds; make expenditures; to incur liabilities; to extend credit or make loans, grants or other form of payment to other public and private companies and individuals; to invest funds, and to have all powers set forth in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE IV - NOT FOR PROFIT**

The Corporation is a not for profit corporation under the laws under the State of Florida. No dividends or any part of the income or profit of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Directors or Officers, except to the extent permissible under law.

## **ARTICLE V - DURATION**

The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

## **ARTICLE VI - LIMITATION**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Board of Directors or Officers, but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered (to officers or to other persons) and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III - Purposes.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contribution to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE VII - MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall have no members, but may elect to have contributors or patrons, and provide for a membership structure at a later date, at which the Articles of Incorporation shall be amended to include such structure.

## **ARTICLE VIII - MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Corporation shall be elected or appointed and in the manner and for the terms provided and hold office in accordance with the by-laws.

## **ARTICLE IX - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent shall be Farnita L. Saunders whose mailing address is 720 N. Railroad Street, Monticello, Florida 32344.

## **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT**

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon Directors and Officers are subject to this reservation. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended only upon majority vote by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XI - TURNOVER OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities, of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, exclusively for a public purpose.

## **ARTICLE XII - BYLAWS**

The initial Bylaws will herein be adopted by the Board of Directors of the corporation. The power to adopt, alter, amend and repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors, but all alterations amendments and repeals to or of the Bylaws must be approved by a majority vote of the directors.

## **ARTICLE XIII - NON-STOCK BASIS**

This corporation is organized on a non-stock basis. This corporation shall not issue shares, but may issue certificates of membership, upon the decision by the directors of this corporation to allow a membership structure to be formed.

## **ARTICLE XIV - COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

In accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, the date when corporate existence shall commence is the date of filing and acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation.

## **ARTICLE XV - LIMITATION ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise provided in Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

**ARTICLE XVI - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are Farnita L. Saunders whose address is 720 N. Railroad Street, Monticello, Florida 32344.

*Farnita Saunders*

Signature/Incorporator

*4/17/00*

Date

*Having been named as registered agent and to accept services 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.*

*Farnita Saunders*

Signature/Registered Agent

*4/17/00*

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