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**NEW FILINGS**

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☐ Domestication  
☐ Other

**OTHER FILINGS**

- ☐ Annual Report  
☐ Fictitious Name

**AMENDMENTS**

- ☐ Amendment  
☐ Resignation of R.A., Officer/Director  
☐ Change of Registered Agent  
☐ Dissolution/Withdrawal  
☐ Merger

**REGISTRATION/QUALIFICATION**

- ☐ Foreign  
☐ Limited Partnership  
☐ Reinstatement  
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ST. JUDE'S RANCH FOR CHILDREN, INCORPORATED,  
A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

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**ARTICLE I**

The name of this nonprofit corporation being formed under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes is:

*St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Incorporated*

**ARTICLE II**

St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Incorporated's initial principal place of business:

*13065 Via Cassia, Placida, Florida 33946*

The initial mailing address of St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Incorporated is:

*13065 Via Cassia, Placida, Florida 33946*

**ARTICLE III**

St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Incorporated is to be a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for religious, scientific, or general charitable and eleemosynary purposes. Its primary purpose is to provide for the physical, emotional, educational, intellectual, social, and spiritual needs of poor, abused, abandoned, homeless, or neglected children at locations in Florida and elsewhere, as designated by its Board of Directors. It will not engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of its charitable purposes except as may be incidentally necessary to carry out its day to day business and to continue its perpetual existence, and may engage in any lawful activity within such purposes for which corporations may be incorporated under Chapter 607 and 617, Florida Statutes. It will commence pursuant to 617.014, Florida Statutes, by filing these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State.

The purposes for which it is formed include the receipt and administration of funds for religious, scientific, educational, charitable and eleemosynary purposes within the meaning of Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended. To that end St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Incorporated may take and may hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease, or otherwise any property real, personal, tangible, or intangible, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation as to value.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

Title to all assets of the Corporation will be vested in St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Incorporated. Management of its affairs will be vested exclusively in a Board of Directors of not less than three (3) or more than seven (7) directors as determined under the Bylaws. Qualifications to be elected to the Board of Directors also will be set forth in the Bylaws. The corporation will indemnify any present or past Officers or Directors, to the extent permitted by law. The term of office of each Director will be three (3) years. Each director will be elected at an annual meeting by the Directors of the Corporation in the manner provided in the Bylaws. The Bylaws of this corporation will be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be amended or rescinded in the manner provided for in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V**

The names and addresses of the first members of the Board of Directors who will hold office until their successors are duly qualified and elected in accord with the Bylaws are:

##### **Initial Board Members and \*Officers**

*Kristy C. Shaffer, Esq., 15412 Fiddlesticks Blvd., Fort Myers, Florida 33912*

*Dr. Lynn R. Bernstein, 1861 Placida Rd., Englewood, Florida 34223*

*Robert C. Fitzgerald, P.O. Box 369, Boca Grande, Florida 33921*

*Richard Helms, C.P.A., 5865 Tallowood Circle, Fort Myers, Florida 33919*

*\*The Rev'd R. Bruce Ryan, President, 13065 Via Cassia, Placida, Florida 33946*

*\*The Honorable James Seals, Vice-President, 1308 Almeria Ave., Fort Myers, Florida 33901*

*\*Diane Barnes, Secretary, 327 Georgia Ave., Fort Myers, Florida 33905*

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The registered office of the Corporation will be:

*2053 West First Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901.*

The registered agent of the Corporation will be:

*Attorney, William T. Shaffer*

**ARTICLE VII**

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The name and address of the incorporator hereunder are as follows:

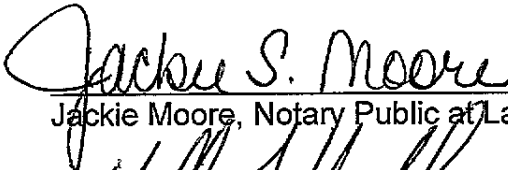
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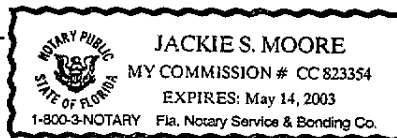
  
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William T. Shaffer, Esquire  
Incorporator for St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Incorporated

State of Florida  
Lee County

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared William T. Shaffer, to me well known to be the person named and described in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he freely and voluntarily executed the Article of Incorporation for the purpose therein expressed.

Witness my hand and my official seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2000.

  
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Jackie Moore, Notary Public at Large



  
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William T. Shaffer, Esquire  
Registered Agent for St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Incorporated

I HEREBY AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF REGISTERED AGENT.  
Date: June 5, 2000