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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF

### LIFTING THEM UP, INC.

We, the undersigned natural persons of age twenty-one (21) years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation, not for profit, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation pursuant to Chapter, 617, of Title 34 of the Statues of the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be Lifting Them Up, Inc.

# ARTICLE II DURATION

The term of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

# ARTICLE III INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the Corporation's initial principal office is 532 Garden Heights Dr., Winter Garden, Florida 34787 The Board Of Directors may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in Florida.

The registered agent of the Corporation is Elzie K. Felton, whose address is 532 Garden Heights Dr., Winter Garden, Florida 34787.

### ARTICLE IV CORPORATE SEAL

The Corporate Seal of the Corporation shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, the year of its incorporation and the words "CORPORATE SEAL" and "FLORIDA."

### ARTICLE V PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is exclusively for educational, charitable and scientific, that are described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

- To develop self-esteem, self-respect and self-independence through education and employment;
- (2) To provide tutoring and mentoring service to youth which will improve their cognitive and affective development;

- (3) To research the conditions which inhibit community togetherness, pride, economic development and employment;
- (4) To revitalize our community for independence and self-sufficiency;
- (5) To collaborate with Community and Faith-based Coalitions and Government in studying and solving problems facing our community;
- (6) To provide education and training opportunities for participants who are moving from Welfare to Workfare;
- (7) To rid our community of crime and illegal drugs through united community efforts;
- (8) To teach life and work ethic skills which will enhance community sustainability;
- (9) To research the conditions that inhibit desirable neighborhoods, affordable housing, economic development and employment in deteriorating communities;
- (10) To establish an effective after-school cognitive and affective academic program;
- (11) To serve as a clearing house of information for persons seeking employment and educational opportunities; and

In furtherance, but not in limitation of the forgoing purposes, the corporation shall have the power and authority;

- (1) To receive assistance, money (as grants or otherwise), real or personal property and any other form of contribution, gifts, bequest or devise from any person, firm or corporation to be utilized in the furtherance of the necessary, objects and purposes of this Corporation; to enter into agreements or contracts for contributions to the Corporation for its objects and purposes, provided however, that gifts shall be subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors as required by the bylaws.
- (2). To distribute, in the manner, form and method, and by means determined by the Board of Directors of this corporation, any and all forms of contributions received by it in carrying out the programs of the corporation in furtherance of its state purposes. Money and real or personal property contributed to the corporation in furtherance of those objects and purposes are and shall continue to be impressed with a trust for such purposes.
- (3). Each and all of the objects, purposes and powers of the Corporation, however, shall be exercised, construed and limited in their application to accomplish the purpose for which this Corporation is formed.

#### ARTICLE VI MEMBERS

The corporation shall not have members.

### ARTICLE VII LIMITATION

- 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- 2. The Corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt in any way to influence legislation or participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statement), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- 3. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Directors, or officers, 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 purpose set forth above.

### ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

The regulation of internal affairs of the Corporation, including the distribution of assets on dissolution, shall be provided for in the by-laws and shall include that:

- (1) Upon dissolution of the Corporation or winding down of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be applied and distributed as follows:
  - (a) All liabilities and obligations of the Corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provisions shall be made;
  - (b) Assets held by the Corporation upon condition requiring, return, transfer or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution or winding down, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements; and
  - (c). All remaining assets not disposed of under either of the preceding paragraphs (a) or (b) shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more religious, charitable, education or scientific organizations (i) which are described in Section 509 (a) (1), (2), or (3), and (ii) to which deductible contributions can be made under Section 170 (c) (2), 2522 (a) (2), as the Board of Directors shall select.

### ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION

Every director and officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed in connection with any proceeding or any settlement of any proceeding (including any appeal thereof) to which a director may be a party or may become involved by reason of being or having been a director or officer at the such expense incurred, except when the director or officer is adjudged guilty of, or liable for, willful misfeasance in the performance of duties; provided that in the event of a settlement before entry of judgment, the indemnification shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled by law. Appropriate liability insurance shall be provided for every officer, director and agent of the Corporation in amounts determined from time to time by the Board.

### ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Management. The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is four (4). The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than four (4). The Directors shall elect the officers of the Corporation in the manner prescribed by the Bylaws. Directors are elected in accordance with bylaws.

The name and address of each Director of the Corporation is as follows:

Rev. Elzie R. Felton 532 Garden Heights Dr. Winter Garden, Florida 34787

Joe Martinez 3475 Cinder Lane Parkway Orlando. Florida 32808 John Anthony 1236 North Virginia Lakeland, Florida 33805

Angelia Rena Taylor Dean 907 Woodson Hammock Circle Winter Garden, Florida 34787

Deborah Montgomery 6288 Sparling Hill Circle Orlando, Florida 32808

#### ARTICLE XI OFFICERS

The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

Rev. Elzie R. Felton, President 532 Garden Heights Dr. Winter Garden, Florida 34787 John Anthony, Vice President 1236 North Virginia Lakeland, Florida 33805 Angelia Rena Taylor Dean, Secretary 907 Woodson Hammock Circle Winter Garden, Florida 34787 Deborah Montgomery, Treasurer 6288 Sparling Hill Circle Orlando, Florida 32808

# ARTICLE X1I INCORPORATORS

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The names and addresses of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Rev. Elzie R. Felton 532 Garden Heights Dr. Winter Garden, Florida 34787 John Anthony 1236 North Virginia Lakeland, Florida 33805

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### ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENT

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them. The Articles of Incorporations shall be amended in accordance with the Bylaws and provisions of the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE XIV FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin January 1 and end December 31 of each calendar year.

#### ARTICLE XV TERRITORY

The territory in which the operations of the Corporation is principally to be conducted is Orange County, Florida.

### ARTICLE XVI RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern all meetings of the corporation.

# CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 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                    | e of the corporation is:_   | Lifting Them Up, Inc.                 |                                     |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2. The name                    | e and address of the reg  | gistered agent ar                     | nd office is:                       |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                |   | <u>-</u>                              |                                     |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elzie K. Felton                |   |                                       |                                     |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                |   | (Name)                                |                                     |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                | 532 Garden Heights Dr.  |                                       |                                     |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                | (P.O  | . Box not acceptal                    | ble)                                | <del></del>                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Winter Garden, Florida 34787   |   |                                       |                                     |                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Having been<br>above stated    | named as registered ag<br>corporation at the place<br>nent as registered agent<br>th the provisions of all s<br>duties, and I am familiar | gent and to acce<br>e designated in i | pt service of puthis certificate.   | rocess for the<br>I hereby accept |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| the appointment to comply with | nent as registered agent<br>th the provisions of all s  | and agree to actatutes relating t     | t in this capaci<br>to the proper a | ty. I further agree               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| mance of my<br>as registered   | duties, and I am familiar<br>' agent.   | with and accep                        | t the obligation                    | s of my position                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned do acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation and accordingly have hereunto set hands this <u>IMA</u> day of March, A.D. 2001.

Elzie K. Felton

John Anthony

John Anthony

Angelia Rena Taylor-Dean

Deborah Montgomery

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Orange

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared to me well known to be the persons described in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledge before me that they subscribed to same.

NOTARY PUBLIC

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Pages A. Cartwright

My Comm Exp. 4/3/2001

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