Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314 (Proposed corporate name - must include suffix) Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for : \$70.00 \$78.75 □\$78.75 \$87.50 Filing Fee Filing Fee Filing Fee Filing Fee, & Certificate of Status & Certified Copy Certified Copy & Certificate of Status ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

This Corporation is submitted for the purpose of becoming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida by and under the provisions of the State of Florida, providing for the State of Florida, providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges, and immunities of a corporation not for profit. The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts(s) the following articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

# <u>ARTICLE I</u>

The name of the corporation is: **HELPING TODAY'S CHILDREN BUILD FOR TOMORROW'S FUTURE, Inc.** and the initial principal address of the corporation is: 2011 N. 25<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 101, EXECUTIVE PLAZA, FT. PIERCE, FLORIDA 34947

# ARTICLE II

The period of duration of this corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved according to law. The effective date may also be subsequent to, but not more than ninety (90) days after, the date of filing with the Department of State.

# <u>ARTICLE III</u>

The purpose or purposes for which this corporation is organized shall be: To inform and enlighten the citizens on matters pertaining to improving their economic and spiritual welfare and to achieve progress in all areas of the community; To organize and promote community oriented seminars/programs relating to the Holistic Concept of Personal Development, health, personal finance, self-esteem, counseling, teaching, training, and self/community empowerment, etc.; To solicit and receive charitable funds, gifts, donations, endowments, grants, devises, and to implement fundraising activities to support the programs of the corporation; and shall be authorized to exercise the powers permitted to Not-For-Profit organizations under the Chapter 617, Florida Statues, and section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

# ARTICLE IV

The qualifications for membership in this organization shall be: a citizen of the State of Florida in good standing making a personal request in writing.

# <u>ARTICLE V</u>

This organization being Not-For-Profit shall have perpetual existence.

# ARTICLE VI

The street address and city of the initial register office of the corporation is: 1703 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950 and the name of the registered agent at such address is: Ms. Fannie Mitchell.

# ARTICLE VII

The number of the members constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is three (3), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are: (NOT LESS THAN 3). The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the by laws but shall never be less then three. The terms of regular directors will be staggered and the directors will not be personally liable to the corporation or its members for obligations arising out of the performance of the directors' duties.

### NAME

<u>ADDRESSES</u>

- 1. President/Founder Christine Johnson
- 2. 1st Vice-President Cheryl Patterson
- 3. Secretary Fannie Mitchell

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SIGNATURE(S) OF INCORPORATOR(S)

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Section B. The Board of Directors may be an affirmative vote of two-third (2/3) of the members present and voting, suspend, expel, or otherwise discipline any officer or Board Member for cause, after a hearing in accordance with approved grievance procedures.

Section C. The Directors shall be elected by vote of the eligible membership as provided in the By-Laws.

# ARTICLE VIII

The officer of the corporation shall be: President, Vice- President(s), Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be known as the Board of Directors.

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# ARTICLE IX

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

### ARTICLE X

The following persons will be elected to fill the respective offices:

Christine Johnson Cheryl Patterson H. Frazier Brockington, II Fannie Mitchell President/Founder 1stVice-President 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Secretary/Treasurer

The corporation will defend the directors and officers against lawsuits. Directors/Officers may be hired to provide services to the organization.

### ARTICLE XI

Section A. The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide By-Laws not inconsistent with this Article of Incorporation, for the purpose of conducting and carrying out the business of the corporation

Section B. Amendment to the By-Laws shall be considered carefully and deliberated in a process, which requires two (2) meetings. At the first meeting a Director may propose an amendment and if a majority approves, notice of a subsequent meeting will be given to Membership. The amendment may then be considered and voted on at the subsequent meeting.

Section C. Any Director may propose an amendment at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present. The proposal to call a subsequent meeting of the membership for the purpose of amending the By-Laws shall require approval of a majority present. If so approved, fifteen (15) days notice of the subsequent meeting of the membership, including a copy of any proposed amendments, which is to be considered at such meeting, shall be given to each voting member in writing.

Any amendment must be adopted at the subsequent membership meeting by resolution of two-third (2/3) vote of eligible voting members, providing a quorum is present.

# ARTICLE XII

This corporation shall have all powers provided for Not-For-Profit corporations by Florida Statue.

#### ARTICLE XIII

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

# <u>ARTICLE XIV</u>

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended. No Member, Director, Officer, or Private Individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets upon such dissolution.

# <u>ARTICLE V</u>

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by the By-Laws. Every amendment shall be approved by Two-Third (2/3) majority of all eligible voting members.

### REGISTERED AGENT CERTIFICATE

Having be named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statues relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.325 Florida Statues.

REGISTERED AGENT NAME:

Fannie Mitchell (Registered Agent)

1703 N. 13th St.

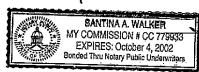
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PRINCIPAL STREET & MAILING ADDRESS OF CORPORATION:

2011 N. 25<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 101, Executive Plaza Ft. Pierce, Florida 34947

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

Before me, a notary public authorized to take acknowledgements in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared Fannie Mitchell, to me known to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing articles of incorporation and acknowledge before me, according to law, that they made and subscribed the same for the purpose therein mentioned and set forth. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3 day of April , 2001.



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