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July 17, 2001

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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From Thomas F. Tufts, Jr.  
Name (Printed or Typed)

941 Lake Thomas Road, Lake Wales, Florida 33898  
Address

(863) 696-2619  
Daytime Telephone Number

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF**  
**GRACE PLANTATIONS, INCORPORATED**

We, the undersigned natural persons competent to contract, acting as incorporators of a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopt the following articles of incorporation.

**Article I**  
**Name**

The name of the corporation shall be Grace Plantations, Incorporated.

**Article II**  
**Address**

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be 941 Lake Thomas Road, Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida 33898.

**Article III**  
**Purposes**

The purposes and objectives of the corporation are such as are authorized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and include providing assistance to abused, abandoned or neglected children and adults, generally and particularly those impacted by family crisis. The corporation shall assist such children and adults in development of skills necessary to function as part of a family unit within the community. The corporation shall advance its purpose in a manner consistent with biblical principles. The corporation shall provide such services to children and adults generally without regard to age, faith, creed, race, or ethnicity.

The corporation is organized and operated solely for administrative, managerial, and spiritual purposes. It is not intended that the corporation show any net earnings, but no part of any net earnings that do occur shall inure to the benefit of any member. The corporation shall hire and maintain a staff to assist in the purposes of the corporation. The staff shall be paid from the operating expenses of the

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corporation.

**Article IV**  
**Initial Registered Agent**

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

Thomas F. Tufts, Jr., 941 Lake Thomas Road, Lake Wales, Florida 33898.

**Article V**  
**Incorporators**

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Thomas F. Tufts, Jr. and Sherry Tufts, 941 Lake Thomas Road, Lake Wales, Florida 33898.

**Article VI**  
**Directors**

The number of persons constituting the first board of directors is five (5). The names and addresses of the directors who are to serve until the first annual meeting of the members or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

Thomas F. Tufts, Jr, 941 Lake Thomas Road, Lake Wales, Florida 33898;  
Richard A. McKinley, 1131 Circle Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33853;  
Jean R. Tufts, 349 Ruby Lake Loop, Winter Haven, Florida 33888;  
Sherry L. Tufts, 941 Lake Thomas Road, Lake Wales, Florida 33898;  
Victor Story, 720 Carlton, Babson Park, Florida 33827.

At the first annual meeting, the members shall elect from among the members of the corporation five members of the corporation to serve for a term of two years each.

**Article VII**  
**Officers**

The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by a president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer who will be accountable to the board of administration. Officers will be elected bi-annually in the manner set forth in the bylaws.

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of officers are as follows:

President, Thomas F. Tufts, Jr., 941 Lake Thomas Road, Lake Wales, Florida 33898;  
Vice President, Richard A. McKinley, 1131 Circle Drive, Lake Wales, Florida 33898;  
Secretary/Treasurer, Jean R. Tufts, 349 Ruby Lake Loop, Winter Haven, Florida 33888.

### **Article VIII**

#### **Bylaws**

Bylaws regulating operation of the corporation are annexed to the articles of incorporation. The bylaws may be amended by the first board of directors until the first annual meeting of members. Thereafter, the bylaws shall be amended by the members in the manner set forth in the bylaws.

### **Article IX**

#### **Powers of the Corporation**

To promote biblical principles for the health, safety and welfare of the persons in need of the corporation's services, the corporation may:

1. Exercise all of the powers and perform all of the duties of the corporation as set forth in the bylaws, as those documents may from time to time be amended.
2. Take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, devise or bequest any property, real or person, borrow money and mortgage any property to finance the acquisition of it on the vote of the majority of members, and transfer and convey any such property.
3. Dedicate or otherwise transfer all or any portion of property to any municipality, public agency, authority or utility on approval of the majority of the members.
4. Have and exercise any and all rights, privileges and powers which may be held or exercised by corporations not for profit generally under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

### **Article X**

#### **Dissolution**

This corporation may be dissolved at any time pursuant to applicable law. In the event of corporate dissolution, the Board shall first attempt dedication of the assets of the corporation to a 501(c)3 organization whose mission and intent are in harmony with this corporation. In the event such

dedication is impractical. such assets shall be conveyed to an appropriate municipality, public agency or authority to be used for purposes similar to those for which the corporation is organized.

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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, 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.

Thomas D. Alf.  
Signature/Registered Agent

7-17-01  
Date

Thomas D. Alf.  
Signature/Incorporator

7-17-01  
Date

Sherry L. Deft  
Signature/Incorporator

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