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Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 627  
Tallahassee, FL 32344

Re: The Refuge, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am enclosing for filing, an original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above non-profit corporation. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.75, for filing fee, designation of resident agent and certificate. Please return the certificate copy of the articles to this office.

Yours truly,

*Norman L. Paxton, Jr.*  
Norman L. Paxton, Jr.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**THE REFUGE, INC.**

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The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Not for Profit Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

The name of the corporation is THE REFUGE, INC.

**ARTICLE II**  
**PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the corporation shall be:

357 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

The mailing address of the corporation shall be:

357 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

**ARTICLE III**  
**PURPOSES**

This Corporation is a not for profit corporation. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed is to provide a safe haven for the teens of Port St. Lucie where they can enjoy after school activities, sports, social events, tutoring and mentoring programs free from the pressures of drugs, alcohol and other unhealthy activities.

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b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for charitable purposes which will qualify it as an exempt organization under 26 USCA 501(c)(3), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including for those purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax exempt organizations under that section.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **MEMBERSHIP**

The qualification and manner of admission of members shall be as provided in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, and its properties controlled by a board of directors consisting initially of three (3) directors. The number of directors may be changed by amendment of the bylaws of the corporation. The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be as provided in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI** **INITIAL DIRECTORS**

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

James E. C. Turner

274 SW Grove Avenue  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

Thomas Descoteau

179 SW Starfish Avenue  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

William Cintron

401 SE Fairchild Avenue  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

## **ARTICLE VII** **INCORPORATORS**

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

James E. C. Turner	274 SW Grove Avenue Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
Thomas Descoteau	179 SW Starfish Avenue Port St. Lucie, FL 34984
William Cintron	401 SE Fairchild Avenue Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

## **ARTICLE VIII** **LIMITATIONS**

No part of the net earnings, properties or assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, 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 purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**REGISTERED AGENT**

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

NAME

ADDRESS

James E. C. Turner

274 SW Grove Avenue  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983


**ARTICLE X**  
**AMENDMENTS**

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner prescribed by law.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporators have executed these Articles  
of Incorporation this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002.

  
JAMES E. C. TURNER

  
THOMAS DESCOTEAU

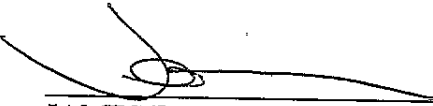
  
WILLIAM CINTRON

**ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in these Articles, 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.

Date:

07/03/02

  
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JAMES E. C. TURNER

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