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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

June 11, 2003

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

Re: Incorporation of Better Homes and Families Community Development Corporation

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$87.50. This fee shall include the costs for a Certificate of Status, Certified Copy and Filing Fee.

Thank you for your attention.

Bonita Jones-Peabody, Esq.

11501 N.W. 2nd Avenue Miami, FL 33168

305-754-4234

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

BETTER HOMES AND FAMILIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION A Florida Not for Profit Corporation

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLOUIDA

Article I Name

The name of the Corporation shall be **Better Homes and Families Community Development** Corporation. Pursuant to Florida Statute Section 617, it shall be known as a Corporation, and will use the words "Corporation" or the abbreviation "Corp." on any and all of its correspondences.

Article II Principal Office

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 10401 Northwest 8th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33150.

Article III Purpose of Corporation

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable and educational and consist of the following:

- 1. To expand the opportunities available to the residents of Miami-Dade County, Florida to obtain quality child care, after school care and adult/elder day care. This corporation will assist said residents by providing adequate child and youth learning centers, parent information and resource centers and adult activity centers for persons and families of low-income who may otherwise not be able to find or afford said services. It is the purpose of the corporation thereby to relieve the poor, distressed, and underprivileged by enabling them to secure human services and resources needed so that they may expand their education and economic opportunities. Thus, lessening the burdens of government and promoting social welfare.
- 2. To expand opportunities available to said residents and groups to obtain adequate housing accommodations by constructing, rehabilitating, and providing decent, safe and sanitary housing in Miami-Dade County for persons and families of low-income who otherwise would not be able to find or afford a suitable place to live. Housing counseling programs will be instituted to assist all area residents. It is the purpose of the corporation thereby to relieve the poor, distressed, underprivileged and indigent by enabling them to secure the basic human needs of decent shelter and to thus lessen the burdens of government and promote social welfare. Housing will be provided through rehabilitation of existing substandard buildings and construction of new facilities in the place of blighted structures or vacant sites for the purpose of combating the deterioration of the community and contributing to its physical improvement.

- 3. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, association, trusts, institution, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
- 4. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised as exclusively charitable and educational purposes in such a manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Article IV Terms of Existence

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence. The qualification for members, if any, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the bylaws.

Article V Initial Directors / Officers

The method of selection of the Board of Directors and the total number of directors shall be stated in the bylaws. The initial Directors and Officers are as follows:

President / Director

Secretary / Director

Treasurer / Director

Lester L. Ward, Sr., 13421 SW 26 Street, Miramar, FL 33027

Ralph Pressley, Sr., 1367 N.W. 95 Terrace, Miami, FL 33147

Edward Duffie, Jr., 585 N.W 135 Street, MIAMI, Fl 33167

Article VI 501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS

- 1. <u>Corporate Purposes</u>: Notwithstanding any other provision of these 10 articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- 2. <u>Exclusivity:</u> The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
- 3. No Private Inurement: The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes.

- 4. <u>Lobbying And Political Campaigns:</u> No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- 5. <u>Dissolution:</u> Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

Article VII Indemnification

Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit of proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors of administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

Article VIII Registered Agent

The undersigned individual is the Registered Agent for the Corporation for service of process in Florida on behalf of the Corporation. This address also serves as the initial registered office of the Corporation.

Registered Agent: Bonita Address: 11501

Bonita Jones Peabody, Esq. 11501 N.W. 2nd Avenue

Miami, Florida 33168

Article IX Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Incorporator

Ralph Pressley, Sr., 1367 N.W. 95 Street, Miami, FL 33147

Article X Amendment

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in any manner consistent with the laws of the State of Florida.

Acknowledgment of the Incorporator

I hereby acknowledge and sign these Articles of Incorporation and submit the same to the Florida Division of Corporations for official filling on this 10 to day of 3000 2003

By: Rainh Pressley Sr

Acceptance of Registered Agent

Having been named as Registered Agent of the above Corporation at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, I, Bonita Jones-Peabody, hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of the Florida Statutes pertaining to the duties and responsibilities of a Registered Agent.

Duly executed this 19 day of JUNE, 2003 in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Bonita Jones-Peabody, Esq.