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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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THE CITY OF REFUGE OUTREACH MINISTRALOR BA

In compliance with the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned do hereby voluntarily associate for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for- profit for the purposes and with powers set forth herein.

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

## THE CITY OF REFUGE OUTREACH MINISTRY, INC.,

hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation."

# ARTICLE II - REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the Registered Agent of the Association and the Principal office address are :

# MARVA ALEXANDER 7064 WILSON STREET JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32210

#### ARTICLE III - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation shall be in Duval County, Florida; but the Corporation may maintain offices and transact business in any other county in the State of Florida, as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE AND POWERS

The purposes of which this Corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, educational, social and economic. And will consist of the following:

A. The Specific and primary purposes are:

To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ's Ministry

To minister to the full need of the people spiritually, emotionally and physically.

To provide assistance to AIDS patients and their families.

To provide a complete and comprehensive range of services and resources to Families seeking Spiritual Nourishment and associated Values.

To supplement the main purpose with innovative Biblical Themes that can be duplicated and demonstrated in the lives of individuals and families that feel barren, unloving and unproductive.

To completely address the hidden influences that retard Spiritual Growth creating confusion and disunity.

To stress the importance of Unity and Obedience to the Moral and Divine Rules for living, producing spiritual understanding, enlightenment, success and enrichment in one's experience.

To provide a one-stop Basic Needs Facility to compliment the Center's Main Theme through demonstration which includes a Soup Kitchen, Thrift Shop, Resource Center and Needful Things.

This organization is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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- (1) To raise the spiritual, moral, economic, educational and social levels of the targeted group, including members of moderate, low, and very low income community, who are substantially unemployed, underemployed, or whose income is below federal poverty guidelines; to foster and promote community-wide interest and concern for the problems of said group to the end that (a) educational and economic opportunities may be expanded; (b) sickness, poverty, crime, and environmental degradation may be lessened; and (c) racial tensions, prejudice, and discrimination, economic and otherwise, may be eliminated; and (d) expound the need for establishing and fostering the **Brotherhood of Mankind**
- (2) It is this purpose of the Corporation thereby to relieve the poor, distressed, underprivileged and indigent by enabling them to secure the basic spiritual and human needs and to lessen the burdens of government and promote their social welfare.

- (3) To expand opportunities available to said families and individuals to interact with other Families and Individuals who are sincere about their **Spiritual Development** and the welfare and benefit of others taking the same **Journey**.
- (4) To aid, support and assist through fellowship, gifts, contributions, and with other groups operated exclusively for moral, charitable, or educational purposes. No part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is for carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
- (5) 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 organization of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.

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In furtherance, but not in limitation, of the foregoing moral, charitable, and educational purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

- (1) To solicit, collect and receive money and other assets, and to administer funds and contributions received by grant, gift, deed, bequest or devise, and otherwise to acquire money, securities, property, rights and services of every kind and description, and to hold, invest, expend, contribute, use, sell or otherwise dispose of any money, securities, property, rights or services so acquired for the purpose above mentioned.
- (2) To borrow money, and to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, and other corporate obligations for monies borrowed, or in payment for property acquired, services rendered or for any other purposes of the Corporation, and to secure payment of any such obligation by mortgage, pledge, deed indenture agreement or other instrument or trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights or privileges of the Corporation.
- (3) To invest and reinvest its funds in such mortgages, bonds, notes, debentures, shares and any other securities of any kind whatsoever, including property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, all as the Corporation's Board of Directors shall deem advisable and as may be permitted by law.

- (4) To engage in activity of operation business ventures for the purposes of providing job training, employment services, and managerial development opportunities to said families and individuals for the charitable purpose of furthering the development of **Brotherhood** in the community.
- (5) To hire and fire employees and to contract for outside services at the will of the Corporation.
- (6) To engage in any and all activities which will directly or indirectly improve the **Spiritual** welfare and **Mental** conditions of said families and individuals.
- (7) To exercise all rights and powers conferred upon corporations formed under the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the state of Florida provided, however, that the Corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers, including those specifically mentioned herein, that are not in furtherance of the specific and primarily moral, charitable and educational purposes of the Corporation.
  - (8) The operation of said Corporation shall also include the concerns of:

Homeless Shelter
Teen Age Youth
Banquet Room
School for Dyslexia
Foreclosure Prevention
Funeral Service Assistance
Prison Ministry
Seniors – ACLF

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax as an organization described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code).

#### ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

a. Any person, over the age of eighteen shall have the right to be a Member of the Corporation's Board of Directors.

- b. The authorized number, if any, and qualifications of Members of the Corporation, the different class of memberships, if any, all assets, voting and other rights and privileges of Members shall be as set forth in the By-Laws.
- c. At least one-third of the members are persons chosen in accordance with a democratic selection procedure adequate to ensure that they are representatives of the poor in the areas served.

#### ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall not be less than three (3); provided however that the Board of Directors may, from time to time increase or decrease the number of Directors, so long as the number of directors is divisible by three (3). The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the initial capacity of Directors until the selection and qualification of their successors are:

## -President

Willie Johnson 311 Cottage Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32206

#### -Vice President

Elizabeth Catoe 5647 Swamp Fox Road/Lane/Avenue/ Jacksonville, Florida 32210

## - Secretary

Larry Burrells 2068 McQuade Street Jacksonville, Florida 32209

# -Treasurer (Finance Committee Chairman)

Paula Murray 5928 Firestone Road, Apt. 143 Jacksonville, Florida 32210

# -Chairperson/Program Director

Marva Alexander 7064 Wilson Blvd. Jacksonville, Florida 32210

The board of directors is elected at the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

The names of the initial officers of this Corporation are identical with the Board of Directors

#### ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR

The name and mailing address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation

## MARVA ALEXANDER 7064 WILSON STREET JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32210

## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DUVAL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the state and county named above to take acknowledgements, personally appeared MARVA ALEXANDER to me known to be the person described as Incorporator in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

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WITNESS my hand and official seal in the state and county named above this day of November 2003.

#### **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

#### **ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of and winding up of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which are organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has established its tax-exempt status, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE. NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statues, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

First, That THE CITY OF REFUGE OUTREACH MINISTRY, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, in the City of Jacksonville, County of Duval, and State of Florida, has named MARVA ALEXANDER as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping upon said office.

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Registered Agent