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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** BUIRD FOUNDATION, INC.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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**FROM:** Stephen T. Allison  
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# THE ALLISON FIRM, P.C.

Attorney and Counselor at Law

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December 29, 2003

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
409 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Buird Foundation, Inc.  
Church Support Foundation, Inc.  
DMFS Foundation, Inc.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find the above Articles of Incorporation with copies, checks and transmittal letters to be filed before the end of 2003.

After they have been filed, please return file marked copies for our files. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Stephen T. Allison

enclosures

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BUIRD FOUNDATION, INC.

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purposes of forming a corporation under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE ONE:  
NAME

The name of said corporation shall be : BUIRD FOUNDATION, INC.

ARTICLE TWO  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: 13553 66<sup>TH</sup> Street North, Largo, Florida 33771.

ARTICLE THREE  
PURPOSES

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

- (a) To support the dissemination of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, to the end that people may be evangelized and believers may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15-16, Isaiah 6:8, Acts 13:47, II Corinthians 5:20).
- (b) To support the establishing, maintaining and conducting of seminars for the instruction of children and adults for religious instruction. (Psalms 40:9-10; I Peter 4:6; John 14:26)
- (c) To support evangelistic associations to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ both in the United States and abroad throughout the world as the Lord leads. (Jeremiah 50:2; Matthew 24:14; Romans 1:16; I Peter 1:24-25; Psalms 51:13; I Corinthians 9:16)
- (d) To support those who carry on charitable work for the poor and lost (Leviticus 25:35; Matthew 25:34-40; Galatians 6:10; Mark 14:7) such as:
  - Feed the Hungry Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, Clothes Closet (Matthew 25:35; Psalm 146:7; Luke 3:11, 4:18)
  - Sick and Shut-in Ministry (James 5:14-15; Mark 16:18)
  - Unwed Mother's Home (Luke 1:39-40, 56)
  - Abused Wives and Children's Home (Exodus 22:22-24; Deuteronomy 10:18; Acts 6:1; I Timothy 5:3-12, 16)
  - Housing for the Homeless and Runaways (Leviticus 25:35; Proverbs 19:17; Luke 3:11; II Corinthians 8:14-15)
  - Care for and assist handicapped individuals (Leviticus 19:32; Isaiah 35:5; Mark 7:37; Luke 7:32, 14:13-14)
  - To provide ministry to homosexuals and prostitutes, so they may be taught the

Gospel of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 1:27-31, 6:9-11; Hebrews 10:22; Luke 14:12-24; John 8:1-11).

To provide child placement services and adoptive services (Psalm 127:3; Isaiah 54:1; Mark 10:14; Numbers 3:13).

Housing for those with addictive behavior (Luke 4:18).

Drug and Alcohol Program (Isaiah 5:11, 19:14,20; Habakkuk 2:15; Joel 2:32; Matthew 9:12; Psalm 121:2).

The mentally disturbed (Matthew 4:24, 17:15).

(e) To support those who provide homes for the aged (Leviticus 19:32, Psalms 71:9, Isaiah 45:20-22); retirement homes for the faithful ministers and saints (Numbers 8:24-26, Zechariah 8:4); and who care for the aged (Leviticus 19:32, Psalms 92:14, I Timothy 5:1,17).

(f) To support those who provide educational services and counseling services as deemed beneficial to the community by virtue of telephonic communication (Proverbs 12:15,25, 15:22; Jeremiah 49:20; I Thessalonians 5:14); those who assist the body of Christ with employment and financial counseling including off-site Institute of Vocation (Job Training) (I Corinthians 3:8; Colossians 4:1; Ecclesiastes 9:10; I Timothy 6:9-10; John 6:27); A Christians in Human Services Group (I Corinthians 10:24, 12:5; Job 29:16; Luke 6:34; Galatians 5:13, 6:10) and who provide for ministry through Family Services (Deuteronomy 15:7; Nehemiah 8:10; Matthew 5:42; Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 13:16).

(g) To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the church and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust. (Acts 4:34-37)

(h) To operate under the name as set forth in Article I above; to adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes (Genesis 17:5, 32:28; Acts 13:9; Matthew 1:23; Revelation 2:17); to exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the church is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax exempt status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, of the United States of America.

The several clauses contained in this Article shall be constructed both as purposes and powers and powers and the statements contained in each clause, shall except where otherwise expressed, be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.

(i) To further all religious and charitable work and for such purposes to adopt and establish Bylaws, rules, regulations in accordance with the law and not inconsistent with this Articles of Incorporation. (Joshua 1:7-8, Habakkuk 2:2-3, Romans 7:12, 10:4)

(j) To do all those things allowed and permitted to be done under law and specifically those set forth in the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Code, so long as such is permitted under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE FOUR SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate,

1. The foundation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as may be required so as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Sec. 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or to corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

2. The foundation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Sec. 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

3. The foundation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Sec. 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

4. The foundation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Sec. 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

5. The foundation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Sec. 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

## ARTICLE FIVE MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (GOVERNORS)

The manner in which the directors (governors) are elected are set forth in the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE SIX INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are: Cindy H. Buird, 1469 Morrow Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33756.

## ARTICLE SEVEN INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is: Dale R. Buird, Sr., 1469 Morrow Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33756.

## ARTICLE EIGHT DURATION

The period of the duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

## ARTICLE NINE MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the foundation shall be not less than three nor more than fifteen. The eligibility for membership in the foundation will be defined in the Bylaws of the foundation consistent with the objectives and purposes of the foundation.

ARTICLE TEN  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (GOVERNORS)

The number, qualifications, election procedures, terms of officer, and duties of the Governors of the Foundation will be provided in the bylaws of the Foundation and in accordance with the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Code. Governors shall be selected by the membership as provided by the bylaws of the foundation for annual terms, which unless the bylaws otherwise specify, shall begin on January 1 of each year and end on December 31 of the same year.

The names and addresses of the individuals who shall serve as the initial Governors of the foundation are as follows :

Dale R. Buird, Sr.  
1469 Morrow Drive  
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Cindy H. Buird  
1469 Morrow Drive  
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Dale R. Buird, Jr.  
12060 73<sup>rd</sup> Street North  
Largo, Florida 33733

Shawn M. Buird  
3147 Dole Street  
Holiday, Florida 33691

ARTICLE ELEVEN  
MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The affairs of the foundation shall be managed by officers elected by the Board of Governors at its annual meeting. The officers shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Board of Governors, unless removed earlier in accordance with the ByLaws.

The Board of Governors may provide for the appointment of such additional officers as they may deem for the best interest of the foundation.

Whenever the Board of Governors may so order, any two officers, the duties of which do not conflict, may be held by one person.

The officers shall perform such additional or different duties as shall from time to time be imposed or required by the Board of Governors, or as may be prescribed from time to time by the ByLaws.

The general officers of the foundation shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The principal duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the members of the Board of Governors and to the general supervision of the foundation. He shall be the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

The principal duties of the Vice-President shall be to discharge the duties of the President in the event of the absence or disability, for any cause whatsoever, of the President.

The principal duties of the Secretary shall be to countersign all deeds, leases, and conveyances executed by the foundation, affix the seal thereto and to such other papers as shall be required or directed to be sealed, and to keep a record of the proceedings of the Board of Governors, and to safely and systematically keep all books, papers, records, and documents belonging to the foundation, or in any way pertaining to the business thereof, except the books and records incidental to the duties of the Treasurer.

The principal duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep an account of all monies, credits and property of any and every nature of the foundation which shall come into his hands, and to keep an accurate account of all monies received and disbursed and of proper vouchers for monies disbursed and to render such accounts, statements, and inventories of monies received and disbursed and of money and property on hand and generally of all matters pertaining to his office, as shall be required by the Board of Governors.

## ARTICLE TWELVE EXEMPT STATUS AND DISSOLUTION

No part of the net earning of the foundation shall insure to the benefit, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the foundation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.

No substantial part of the activities of the foundation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the foundation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the foundation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a foundation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code or (b) by a foundation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provision of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the foundation, the Board of Governors shall after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the foundation, dispose of all of the assets of the foundation exclusively for the purpose of the foundation, or for one or more other exempt purposes, in such manner, or to one or more organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future federal tax code), as the Board of Governors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of appropriate jurisdiction exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE THIRTEEN: LIABILITY

No member of BUIRD FOUNDATION, INC. shall be liable for its debts nor shall any members' property be so liable. The Governors of the foundation shall be immune from liability to the foundation or its members to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## ARTICLE FOURTEEN DECLARATION OF ASSETS

The property of this foundation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational and charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this foundation shall

ever inure to the benefit of any governor, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN  
BYLAWS

The Bylaws of BUIRD FOUNDATION, INC. shall be adopted and amended by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN:  
AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation, may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Governors. After notification to the members of the Board of the proposed amendment, such amendment shall be adopted by the Board of Governors by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Governors present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 18 day of November, 2003.

Dale R. Buird, Sr.  
Dale R. Buird, Sr.

Having been named as the registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Cindy H. Buird  
Cindy H. Buird

November 4, 2003

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