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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: The GRACE Project, 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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\$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

\$87.50
Filing Fee,
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Reverend Desi Echols
Name (Printed or typed)

10326 Planters Wood Drive
Address

Jacksonville, FL 32218
City, State & Zip

(904) 635-3534
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
The GRACE Project, Inc.
A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

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**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the corporation ("Corporation") is **The GRACE Project, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

The principal mailing address of the Corporation 10326 Planters Wood Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE**

- 3.1 The GRACE Project, Inc. is formed to operate exclusively for the purposes set forth in Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including to operate for charitable purposes, and to establish and operate community-based programs and services to mitigate the effects of poverty and help impoverished citizens attain self sufficiency.
- 3.2 To this end, the Corporation shall at all times be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including to receive and administer funds, to acquire, invest, dispose of, and deal with real and personal property and interest therein; and to apply gifts, grants, contributions, bequests and devises, and the income and proceeds thereof, in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation, with all the powers conferred upon it by the provisions of the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Code and by the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Corporation.
- 3.3 The Corporation shall perform one or more of the following:
- 3.3a The Corporation shall have unlimited powers to engage in and do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful activities for which non-profit corporations may be incorporated under the applicable provisions for 501(c)3 as recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 3.3b. The Corporation is organized to act and operate as a charitable organization in lessening the burdens of government, providing relief to the poor and distressed or underprivileged and promoting social welfare.

- 3.3.c. The Corporation may provide educational materials, supplies and monies to operate educational programs.
- 3.3.d. The Corporation may locate, purchase and refurbish housing for the benefit of homeless, and other people without the means to satisfy their basic human needs.
- 3.3.e. The Corporation shall undertake such acts as it deems necessary to create programs and services to improve the quality of life for all people and to provide programs and services for, but not limited to, identified persons who are unable to receive assistance from any other source, or who have been identified, by reasonable community standards, as monetarily challenged. In addition, to work with individuals or groups who have expressed an interest in working with the Corporation to use our expertise and experience in creating customized programs or services and to establish positions and staff necessary to provide such services and programs, and expand or eliminate positions as the Board of Directors deem necessary.

ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION and MANNER OF ELECTION

- 4.1 The corporate powers and management of the Corporation shall be vested in, and exercised by a board of directors of not less than five (5) members and not more than fifteen (15) members. The Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Corporation. All directors shall serve for staggered two-year terms, but when the annual meeting is not held or directors are not elected at the annual meeting, they may be elected at a special meeting called and held for that purpose. All directors of the Corporation shall have voting rights.
- 4.2 Failure to elect Directors annually shall not dissolve the Corporation or impair its corporate existence or management, but the Directors then in office shall remain in office until their successors have been duly elected and installed.
- 4.3 The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, alter and amend the By-Laws establishing rules and regulations for the governing of the affairs of the Corporation. The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the power to elect an executive committee consisting of three (3) or more members of the Board, which committee between meetings of the Board shall have power to act for the Board in all matters except amendment of the By-Laws.
- 4.4 The Board shall have the Authority to exercise all such other powers and to do all such lawful acts and things which this corporation might do, unless prohibited by applicable law or by the Articles of Incorporation, or by the By-Laws of the Corporation.
- 4.5 No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of

the officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation. Further, no member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation who is a volunteer director, shall be personally liable to this corporation or its directors for monetary damages for a breach of the director's or officer's fiduciary duty; provided, however, that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director or officer for any of the following:

- a. A breach of the director's or officer's duty of loyalty to the corporation
- b. Acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law
- c. A transaction from which the director or officer derived an improper personal benefit.

**ARTICLE V
INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

Reverend Desi Echols, Chairman
10326 Planters Wood Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Penelope Anderson, Secretary
709 Lighthouse Drive
Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

Valeria J. Echols, Treasurer
10326 Planters Wood Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

**ARTICLE VI
REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The street address of the registered office of the Corporation is 10326 Planters Wood Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32218. The registered agent of the Corporation is Desi Echols.

**ARTICLE VI
NON-STOCK BASIS**

The Corporation is organized on a non-stock basis and will not have any members.

**ARTICLE VII
NON-DISCRIMINATION**

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, economic status, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity of this corporation.

**ARTICLE VIII
DURATION**

The duration of the corporation shall be in perpetuity, or said maximum period as may be authorized by the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE IX
DISSOLUTION**

- 9.1 Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine or to the Federal Government or to a State or local government, for a public purpose.
- 9.2 Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the appropriate Court of the State of Florida in which the principal office of the Corporation 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 such purposes.

**ARTICLE X
INCORPORATORS**

The full names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Desi Echols, Chairman
10326 Planters Wood Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Valeria J. Echols
10326 Planters Wood Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Penelope Anderson
709 Lighthouse Drive
Altamonte Springs, Fl 32714

**ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENT**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the Corporation by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors, provided that notices setting forth, the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all Directors at least thirty (3) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Having been named as 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. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation.

This 27 day of December, 2003.

Desi Echols
Desi Echols, Chairman & Registered Agent

Valeria J Echols
Valeria J Echols, Treasurer/Incorporator

Penelope Anderson
Penelope Anderson, Secretary/Incorporator