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	919 NW 63rd Street	dress	-		
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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Glenda E. Hood Secretary of State

February 4, 2004

MESHALLA CHANEY 919 NW 63RD ST. MIAMI, FL 33150

SUBJECT: OPEN GATES CORPORATION

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We have received your document for OPEN GATES CORPORATION and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# **OPEN GATES ACCESS CORPORATION**

#### **SECTION ONE:**

The name and address of this principal corporation is:

OPEN GATES ACCESS CORPORATION, 919 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33150

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#### SECTION TWO:

This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. The corporation is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable, religious, and educational purposes to aid individuals and families and to empower them towards a life of self-sufficiency. The programs will consist of; but shall not be limited to: (1) educational development, (2) economic empowerment, (3) community enrichment, (3) social reconstruction and miscellaneous programs to aid those in need:

- To operate a transitional/half-way house facility that focuses on providing social and economic opportunities, to meet the needs of incarcerated youths and adults, facilitating their transition from prison and re-entry into society and the lives of their families and communities.
- 2. To raise the economic, educational and social levels of Youths-At Risk (6 years and over) who are residents of Dade County and other target areas, substance abusers, substantially unemployed, under employed, or whose income is below the federal poverty guidelines.
- 3. To raise economic, educational and social levels of the residents of Dade County and target areas, including members of minority communities who are substance abusers, substantially unemployed, underemployed, or whose income is below the federal poverty guidelines,
- 4. To foster and promote community based interest and concern for the problems of the residents of South Florida, to the end that educational and economic opportunities maybe expanded, sickness, poverty, crime, and environmental degradation may be lessened and racial tensions, prejudice and discrimination, economics and otherwise may be eliminated.

- 5. Develop culturally competent age appropriate and customer driven programs in our approach to build and strengthen families to ensure significant and successful outcomes.
- 6. To expand opportunities available to said residents and groups to receive vocational training, to own, manage, and to operate business enterprises in economically depressed areas, to develop entrepreneurial and management skills necessary for the successful operation of business support from other sources and
- 7. To include the organization and creation of Young Adult/Adult Congregate Living Facilities (ACLF'S), Vocational Schools, Rehabilitation Centers and all and any other related and viable businesses that the Board of Directors may approve.
- B: To undertake any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the afore-going purposes; either directly or indirectly; and either alone or in conjunction or in cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
- C: The purpose of this organization will always be stressed and governed by the minutes of the meetings of this organization and by the By-Laws and actions of the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION THREE:

The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual, no stock shall be issued.

#### SECTION FOUR:

The address of the registered office is 919 NW 63rd Street, Miami, Florida 33150, and the name of the registered agent of the corporation shall be:

Ronald Washington 919 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Miami, FL 331 50

#### SECTION FIVE:

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for Educational and Charitable Purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities it is not permitted to carry on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **SECTION SIX:**

The Directors are elected in accordance with By-Laws. The name and address of the persons appointed to act as initial Directors of this corporation are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Meshalla Chaney President	919 NW 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street Miami, Florida 33150.
Marsha Henry Secretary	2327 Union Street St. Petersburg, Florida 3371
Ronald Washington	919 NW 63rd Street
Treasurer	Miami, FL 33150
Kimberly Jones	919 21st Street
Director	St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Kathy Brown	2327 Union Street
Director	St. Petersburg, FL 33712.
Zeronie N. Grant Director	8430 East Dixie Highway Miami, FL 33138
Lesly Phanor	11712 SW 168th Street
Director	Miami, FL 33157
Carla Ducena Director	11712 SW 168 <sup>th</sup> Street Miami, FL 33157

#### **SECTION SEVEN:**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to Charitable and Educational purposes and no part of the net income assets of the organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or the benefit of any private person.

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#### SECTION EIGHT:

On the dissolution or winding up of the organization, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of all debts, and liabilities of this organization shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for Religious, Charitable and Educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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 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 such purposes.

#### **SECTION NINE:**

Executed on this <u>23rd day of January 2004.</u> The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation shall be:

Meshalla Chaney 919 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Miami, FL 33150

### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

١. The name of the corporation is:

# OPEN GATES ACCESS CORPORATION.

(Must include suffix)

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

	Ronald Washington	
-	(NAME) 919 NW 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street	
	(P O Box or Mail Drop Box NOT ACCEPTED)	
	Miami, FL 33150	
	(STATE/CITY/ZIP CODE)	

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate. 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.

Signature of Registered Agent

 $\frac{2-12-03}{\text{(Date)}}$