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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF HELPING OF GRACE, INC.

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#### A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is HELPING OF GRACE, INC.

#### ARTICLE II - STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes

#### ARTICLE III - GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

- (a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed is to establish evangelical outreach.
- (b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such religious purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such proposes, the making of distributions to organizations which quality as tax-exempt organizations under that code.
- (c) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE IV - TERM OR EXISTENCE

The corporate existence of this Corporation shall begin when these Articles of Incorporation have been executed by the incorporator named below. This Corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

- (a) TRUSTEES AS MEMBERSHIP. The sole class of members of this corporation shall be its trustees.
- (b) RIGITS AND LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS. The members of this corporation shall have no right, title, or interest whatsoever in its income, property, or assets, nor shall any portion of such income, property, or assets be distributed to any member on the dissolution or winding up of this corporation. Members of this corporation shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the corporation, and shall not be subject to any assessments.

#### ARTICLE VI - SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residence addresses of the subscribers of this corporation are as follows:

William T. Bruce 5002 18<sup>th</sup> Street East Bradenton, Florida 34203

Julian G. Foster 5919 River Forest Circle Bradenton, Florida 34203

Lawrence E. Maschino 4717 12<sup>th</sup> Street Court East #241 Bradenton, Florida 34203

Sean Heasley 1207 66<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest Bradenton, Florida 34209

### ARTICLE VII - LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

- (a) The county in the State of Florida where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located in the County of Manatee, at 5002 18<sup>th</sup> Street East, Bradenton, Florida 34203.
  - (b) The name and address of this corporation's registered agent, is:

WILLIAM T. BRUCE, 5002 18th Street East, Bradenton, Florida 34203.

#### ARTICLE VIII - MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATION AFFAIRS

(a) Board of Trustees. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Trustees. The number of trustees of the corporation shall be four; provided, however, that such number may be changed by an amendment to the by-laws duly adopted by the members.

The trustees herein named as the first Board of Trustees shall hold office until the first meeting of members, to be held on November 1, 2005 at 5051 26<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

Trustees elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of two years until the first annual meeting of members following the election of trustees and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at 1:00 p.m. on the first

Saturday in November of each year at the principal office of the corporation, or at such other place or places as the Board of Trustees may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Trustees under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the trustees. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent to the Board of Trustees without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation (and By-Laws) of this corporation shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such first members of the Board of Trustees are as follows:

William T. Bruce 5002 18<sup>th</sup> Street East Bradenton, Florida 34203

Julian G. Foster 5919 River Forest Circle Bradenton, Florida 34203

Lawrence E. Maschino 4717 12<sup>th</sup> Street Court East #241 Bradenton, Florida 34203

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(b) Corporate Officers. The Board of Trustees shall elect the following officers: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as the by-laws of this corporation may authorize the trustees to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

William T. Bruce, President, Treasurer 5002 18<sup>th</sup> Street East Bradenton, Florida 34203

Julian G. Foster, Secretary 5919 River Forest Circle Bradenton, Florida 34203

#### ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the by-laws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit law of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, by-laws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new by-laws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Trustees or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the by-laws.

#### ARTICLE X - DEDICATION OF ASSETS

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

#### ARTICLE XI - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

#### ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these articles of incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees and presented to a quorum of members for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of two-thirds of a quorum of members of the corporation.

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, and including all the

STATE OF FLORIDA

LARRY MACHINO

COUNTY OF MANATEE

Before me, this day personally appeared WILLIAM T. BRUCE, to medersonally known to be the person described in the above Articles of Incorporation of HELPING OF GRACE, INC., as subscriber, or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and acknowledged

| before me that he executed and subscribed to oath.                            | said Articles of Incorporation, and did not take an   |
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| be the person described in the above Articles                                 | red JULIAN G. FOSTER, to me personally known to of Incorporation of HELPING OF GRACE, INC., as as identification and acknowledged said Articles of Incorporation, and did not take an |
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| Witness my hand and official seal in the day of January, 2005.                | he County and State named above, on this the  Karin Tankouch  NOTARY PUBLIC   |
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#### **COUNTY OF MANATEE**

Before me, this day personally appeared SEAN HEASLEY to me personally known to be the person described in the above Articles of Incorporation of HELPING OF GRACE, INC., as subscriber, or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and acknowledged before me that he executed and subscribed to said Articles of Incorporation, and did not take an oath.

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

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 48.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

THAT HELPING OF GRACE, INC., DESIRING TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT CITY OF BRADENTON, STATE OF FLORIDA, HAS NAMED WILLIAM T. BRUCE, LOCATED AT 5002 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET EAST, BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34203, AS H'S AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

SIGNATURE William & Bruce

TITLE: President

DATE: 1/15/05

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OR PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE. I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

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