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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC.
(a Florida not-for-profit corporation)

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The undersigned, hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file with the Secretary of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time by the Legislature of the State of Florida, for the sole purpose of organizing a non-profit corporation and to that end do hereby set forth the following:

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the corporation shall be FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC. Pending any change authorized by the Corporation's Board of Directors, its mailing address shall be 9309 North Florida Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33612.

ARTICLE II
ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 220 S. Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602 and the name of the Registered Agent of this Corporation at that address is Randy K. Sterns.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSE

The Corporation shall be 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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. To carry out this objective, the Corporation shall be authorized to carry out the following activities:

- a. To collaborate with, sponsor, coordinate and offer services that will assist domestic violence victims and impacted children in Hillsborough County, Florida;
- b. To sponsor and support community-wide collaborative efforts that involve public, private and non-profit organizations by providing services and assistance to victims of domestic violence in a one-stop location that centralizes the provision of multiple but related services to such victims and impacted children;
- c. To serve as a coordinating and facilitating agent for providing coordinated services to victims of domestic violence and impacted children in Hillsborough County;
- d. To provide expertise, training, educational workshops and forums to both on-site and off-site service providers that serve victims of domestic violence;

e. To enhance the service capabilities of social service agencies in Hillsborough County that serve domestic violence victims by engaging in collaborative efforts to apply for and solicit support from foundations, government grants, and other public and private organizations;

f. To support public charities that are recognized under §501(c)(3), and §509(a)(1) of the Code and that are devoted to providing services to victims of domestic violence and impacted children in Hillsborough County, Florida;

g. To borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the purposes of the Corporation;

h. To act as trustee under any trust or endowment incidental to the principal objects of the Corporation, and in connection therewith to enter into any kind of activity and to perform and carry out contracts of any kind necessary to or in connection with or incidental to the accomplishment of any one or more of the non-profit purposes of the Corporation;

i. No part of the funds of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual, and no part of the activities shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or of participating in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office;

j. The Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual and the balance, if any, of all money received by the Corporation from its operations, after the payment in full of all debts and obligations of the Corporation of whatever kind and nature, shall be used and distributed exclusively to organizations that qualify under Section 509(a)(1) or (2) of the Code;

k. The Corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, acquired by gifts, or otherwise, to both real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, sell, convey, use, lease, mortgage, and dispose of all such property in conformity with the Bylaws of the Corporation;

l. The Corporation shall further be authorized to invest, reinvest, and administer the principal or the income of the Corporation's assets in such manner as, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, will best promote the purposes of the Corporation and shall be further authorized to exercise each and every power and right granted to a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes; all in accordance with its Bylaws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended; provided, however, that such activities conform to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

m. The Corporation shall further be authorized to invest, reinvest, and administer the principal or the income of the Corporation's assets in such manner as, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, will best promote the purposes of the Corporation and shall be further authorized to exercise each and every power and right granted to a Corporation Not for Profit under the laws of the State of Florida as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes; all in accordance with its Bylaws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended; and

n. To collect funds in furtherance of the Corporation's objectives, to prudently expend all funds received and disburse the net interest and other earnings that may be received in satisfaction of its operating expenditures and expenses and in support of meritorious projects which may further its objectives.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall be organized as an entity without members.

ARTICLE V
INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Randy K. Sterns	220 S. Franklin Street Tampa, Florida 33602

ARTICLE VI
OFFICIAL BOARD/OFFICERS

The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled and affairs supervised by a Board of Directors, the precise number of which shall be set by the Bylaws of the Corporation, provided that there shall be a minimum of three directors at all times. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be elected in the manner and for the terms prescribed in the Bylaws, and shall hold office until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by this official board, who shall elect officers as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, which officers shall be provided for in the Bylaws. Each officer shall be elected from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws and each officer shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

The names and addresses of the initial Board until their successors are elected and qualified are as follows:

Linda Oberhaus
P. O. Box 4772
Tampa, FL 33677

Dennis Ross
One Crisis Center Plaza
Tampa, Florida 33613-1238

Michael Bedke
101 East Kennedy Boulevard
Suite 2000
Tampa, Florida 33602

Joan Dias
1102 N. Florida Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33603

Elvin L. Martinez, Jr.
800 East Kennedy Boulevard
5th Floor
Tampa, Florida 33602

Lyle Roberts
P. O. Box 3371
Tampa, FL 33601

Anthony Hassan
Life Skills Support Center flight Commander
MacDill AFB
Tampa, Florida 33621

Jim Hengelbrok
829 W. MLK Blvd.
Suite 200
Tampa, FL 33603

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS

The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of this Corporation may be amended, altered or rescinded at any regular meeting or a special meeting of the membership of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the board membership present.

ARTICLE VIII
BYLAWS

Subject to any limitations set forth in the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, the Corporation's Bylaws shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended, or rescinded by the Board of Directors in a manner provided by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX
TERM

The term of the Corporation shall be perpetual or until dissolved by due process of law.

ARTICLE X
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

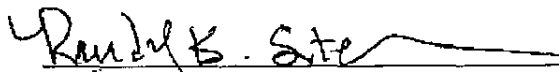
In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public use.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) an entity exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code or (b) an entity to which contributions are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XI
DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION
OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

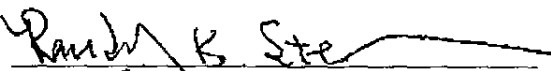
The Corporation shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless every registered agent, director or officer and his or her heirs, personal representatives and administrators against liability and against expenses reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to which he or she may be made a party by reason of his or her having been a director or officer of this Corporation, except in relation to matters as to which he or she shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for willful misconduct."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this Corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit charitable corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 8th day of November, 2005.


Randy K. Stern

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

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.


Randy K. Sterns, Registered Agent

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