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#### SARAH L. CORBETT, ACCOUNTANT 5102 JOE KING ROAD PLANT CITY, FL 33567 (813) 597-6130

December 23, 2005

Secretary of State of Florida Division of Corporation PO Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the Articles of Incorporation for C.H.O.I.C.E. CORP. and a money order in the amount of \$78.75.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address and number.

Sincerely,

Sarah L. Corbett, Accountant



January 9, 2006

SARAH L CORBETT, ACCOUNTANT 5102 JOE KING ROAD PLANT CITY, FL 33567

SUBJECT: C.H.O.I.C.E. CORP. Ref. Number: W06000000890

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

CHILDREN HAVING OPPORTUNITIES IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT, INC.

We, the undersigned subscribers, do hereby form this corporation under the provisions of the Not-For-Profit corporation statues of the state of Florida.

#### ARTICLE

#### **CORPORATE NAME AND ADDRESS OF CORPORATION**

The name of the corporation shall be:

CHILDREN HAVING OPPORTUNITIES IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT, INC.

The address of the corporation shall be:

#### 2420 W. Brandon Blvd. No. 109 Brandon, Florida 33511

#### ARTICLE II

#### **DURATION**

The period of duration of this Corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLES III**

#### **CORPORATE PURPOSE: POWERS**

1. The purpose for which this Corporation is organized are exclusively for charitable, educational, and literary purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Revised Code of 1998, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Law of the United States).

The corporation shall without limiting the generality of foregoing, the purpose and activities of the Corporation is as follows:

A) This corporation is established to provide a community and neighborhood enrichment service program to include an array of services to children, adolescents, and families, whom are homeless, abandoned, exploited, abused, or simply displaced throughout the social service system.

B) One of the fundamental goals is to enrich, empower and support youth that are transitioning from foster care to successful adulthood by promoting healthy choices while strengthening the individual, family and community resources.

- C) Offer an array of services to address the <u>Independent Living</u> needs of youth while creating opportunities for them to engage society in a meaningful and productive way; simultaneously empowering them to take an active role in the development of their future. Services are to include transitional housing program, life skills group, grass roots approach to financial management, employability skill development, character development, career and educational planning, and housing assistance, and parenting skills.
- D) Provide quality Emergency Placement Services that will ensure the client's best Care, Welfare, Safety, and Security. These services include providing Temporary Emergency Placement Centers for displaced youth, while striving to maintain youth in their culture and in proximity to their community as an intervention to reduce the need to change their academic placement, or for youth to bounce from place to placement, night after night.
- E) Work collaboratively with other community organization to ensure that clients served received healthy opportunities to engage in age appropriate community based activities. The purpose of these activities is intended to teach independent life skills, encourage, and promote healthy social interactions, community connectivity, mental, and personal health.
- F) The program will strive to support and improve the lives of children and families by providing an array of integrative services. It will work to strengthen the family system and maintain both children and adults in transition and encourage and advance self determination and self sufficiency by providing education, recreation, skill building training, respite care and daycare to the public.
- G) As an intervention to ensure improved access to support services, the transportation needs of the youth and families will be managed in a punctual and service oriented manner. On a contractual basis, transportation services will be provided for clients to and from Child Caring Agencies, Child Placing Agencies, Temporary Emergency Placement Center, School, Therapy appointments, home visits, etc.
- H) Provide a safe and humane <u>community-based program</u> for the care and protection of individuals who are, have been, or may be subject to compulsory care, supervision, treatment, and/or incarceration in public or private institutions.
- I) Coordinate with service providers to <u>counseling and assessment services</u> which will include, but is not limited to, behavioral and developmental, individual and family counseling, psycho-educational and psychotherapeutic groups, biopsychosocial assessment, and health and wellness counseling as needed.
- J) Cooperate with and assist in any program of the government of the United States of America, the government of the state of Florida or any local government, or of any private cooperation, association or organization, or person, in the planning,

development, implementation, and evaluation of community-based alternative

programs to institutional programs.

K) In furtherance of the foregoing, request, receive, hold and utilize funds, appropriations for grants made available for such purposes by the government of the United States of America, the government of the State of Florida or any local government and to request receive, and hold and utilize contributions, gifts or grants made available for such purposes by any private individual, organization, corporation or foundation.

L) Perform all functions necessary, suitable, proper, convenient, and incidental to the foresaid purposes or which a non-profit corporation organized for such

purposes under the laws of the State of Florida may do.

## 2. As a means of accomplishing the above purposes and the methods, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

A) To accept, receive, take and hold by bequest, devise, grant, gift, purchase, exchange, lease, transfer, judicial order or decree. Or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes, any property, both real and personal, of whatever kind, nature of description and wherever situated.

B) To sell, exchange, convey, mortgage, lease transfer or otherwise dispose of, any such property, both real and personal, as the objects and purposes of the Corporation may require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by

law.

- C) To borrow money, and from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, bill of exchange, and other obligations of the Corporation for moneys borrowed or in payment for property acquired or for any of the other purposes of the Corporation, and to secure the payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement, or other instrument of trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights, or privileges of the Corporation wherever situated, whether now owned or hereafter to be acquired.
- D) To invest and reinvest its funds in such stock, common or preferred, bonds, debentures, mortgages, or in such other securities and property, real and personal, as it shall deem advisable, subject to the limitations and conditions are not in conflict with the provisions of 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and applicable regulations hereunder, as they now exist or as they may be amended.

### 3. Notwithstanding any provision of these Articles to the contrary, in the conduct of the affairs, of the corporation:

A) The Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage directly in any activity, that would invalidate its status:

- (1) as a corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation an organization described in Section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law); or
- (2) as a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 c (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 19867 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- B) The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, educational and literary purposes, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to it and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this article.
- No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall it in any manner or to any extent participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, nor shall the Corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under applicable federal, state or local laws.
- D) The Corporation shall not:
  - (1) Operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit, except for minor fund raising activities;
  - (2) Accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status, except for prudentially defined treasury management activities; or
  - (3) Except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.
- E) The Corporation's operations are to be conducted principally in the United States of America, although the Corporation also may conduct operations in other foreign countries, subject, however, to the laws of Florida.

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#### **ARTICLES IV**

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#### REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The corporation has named <u>Trevor P. Nelson</u> as its registered agent. The registered office of the corporation and registered agent's office is <u>2638 Wrencrest Cir. Valrico, FL 33594</u>. Trevor P. Nelson, as the corporation's registered agent, will accept services of process within the state of Florida and a director of the Corporation.

Having been named to accept services of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated above, I hereby agree to act in this capacity in complete performance of my duties.

Trevor P. Nelser

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under to direction of a Board of Directors, which shall have five (5) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by a majority of the directors, as provided by the Corporation's Bylaws, but at no time shall there be fewer than three (3) directors of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

The Corporation's first Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following natural persons' name, address, and specific title(s) of each of the members are as follows:

Name	Title	Street Address
Trevor P. Nelson	President	2638 Wrencrest Cir. Valrico, FL 33594
Michael McIntosh	Vîce President	235 Sidonia Avenue. Apt. 215 Coral Gables, FL 33134
Amy Corbett	Secretary	5102 Joe King Road Plant City, FL 33567
lan Nelson	Treasurer	2638 Wrencrest Cir. Valrico, FL 33594
Maurice Franklin	Chief Technology Officer	5830 Memorial Highway No. 1314 Tampa, FL 33615

#### **ARTICLES VII**

#### **CORPORATE NATURE**

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

#### **ARTICLES VIII**

#### **MEMBERS**

This Corporation, as a non-member corporation, does not have members. All voting rights reside in the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLES VIII**

#### **DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, all of the Corporation's assets, real and personal, shall be distributed to such charitable organization or organizations as are qualified as tax-exempt under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal income tax laws, as the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall determine. However this action is only to occurred after payment or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation for one or more exempt purposes under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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 of the property or assets not so disposed of, for whatever reason, shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively to such charitable organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLES IX**

#### <u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of a majority of the directors in the manner set forth in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

#### **ARTICLES X**

#### **INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of each of the incorporators is as follows:

<u>Name</u>

Street Address

Trevor P. Neison

2638 Wrencrest Cir. Valrico, FL 33594

Michael McIntosh

235 Sidonia Avenue. Apt. 215

Coral Gables, FL 33134

**Amy Corbett** 

5102 Joe King Road Plant City, FL 33567

The undersigned Incorporators of the Corporation hereby declares, under the penalties of false statement, that the statements made foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated this

day, January 2006.

Trevor P. Nelson

Michael McIntosi

Amy Corbett

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Notary's Signature

Sarah L Corbett

My Commission DD141412

Expires August 12, 2006

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