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December 5, 2007

SHERMAINE SACASA 2415 NW 169TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33056

SUBJECT: A CASA BELLA Ref. Number: W07000059172

We have received your document for A CASA BELLA 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

#### A CASA BELLA TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, INC.

The undersigned, hereby adopts these Articles of Incorporation to form a Not-For-Profit Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

### ARTICLE I Name and Address

The name of the corporation shall be A CASA BELLA TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, INC. The address of its principal office and mailing address is 2415 NW 169th Street, Miami, FL 33056.

#### ARTICLE II <u>Duration</u>

The period of the duration of this Corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

# ARTICLE III Purpose Clause

The purpose for which this corporation is organized are:

- A. Exclusively charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and amended, contributions to which are deductible for federal income, gift, and estate tax purposes.
- B. The corporation's purposes shall include, but shall not be limited:
  - 1. To further the welfare of the community at large; to plan for the philanthropic, social, cultural and educational advancement of the community at-large, and to foster cooperation among local organizations directed toward that end.

- 2. To solicit, collect, and otherwise raise money for philanthropic, social, cultural, educational and religious purposes; to contribute, disburse, and distribute the sum of the income and principal thereof for such purposes, either directly or by contribution to other organizations,, agencies, or institutions organized for the same or similar purposes and which are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or by the corresponding provisions of any further United States Internal Revenue Law), to whom a direct contribution would be tax exempt under the then existing Internal Revenue Code and regulations promulgated there under; to receive and hold by purchase, gift bequest, or otherwise real or personal property, and to distribute such property as it may be deemed best for the promotion of the purposes of the corporation.
- 3. To review and determine the obligations, responsibilities and effectiveness of all agencies requesting appropriations; to budget and control the disbursements to the beneficiary agencies.
- 4. In order to promote the purposes of this corporation, it may acquire property by grant, gift, purchase, devise or bequest, and hold and dispose of such property as the corporation shall require in furtherance of its exempt purposes.

# ARTICLE IV Restrictions

- A. This corporation is a nonprofit corporation organized pursuant to the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, and is created, organized, and shall be operated exclusively for educational, charitable, scientific and literary purposes.
- B. This corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its member, directors or officers and not part of any net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer or other individual; however, nothing herein shall prohibit the corporation from paying its officers and directors reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the corporation nor from reimbursing its directors and officers for all expenses reasonably incurred in performing services rendered to or for the corporation.
- C. The Board of Directors shall at all times endeavor to operate and conduct the affairs of the corporation so that each contribution to it shall qualify and be allowable to the donor thereof as a charitable deduction for federal income, estate and gift taxation.
- D. All of the property of this corporation is and shall be irrevocably dedicated to religious charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, and in the

event of a dissolution of the corporation, the assets shall be distributed tone or more organizations which are organized and exist exclusively for religious, education, scientific, charitable or literary purposes and that qualify for exemption from federal income tax under the provisions of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to the United States 5pf America or to a state or local government for public purpose. In no event shall the assets or the property of the corporation, or the proceeds of any of such assets or property, upon dissolution, go or be distributed to members (unless such member qualifies as an organization described under the provisions of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, either for reimbursement of any sums subscribed, donated or contributed by such members, or for any other purpose.

# ARTICLE V Capital Stock

The corporation shall have no capital stock.

#### ARTICLE VI <u>Members</u>

The corporation shall not have members, unless the By-Laws shall provide that the corporation shall have members. Unless the By-Laws provide that the corporation shall have members, the Board of Directors shall have all of the powers that the members would otherwise have, including, but not limited to, the power to elect directors and the power to amend these Articles of Incorporation. If the By-Laws provide that the corporation shall have members, qualification, voting and other rights of such members and the manner of their election or appointment shall be as set forth in the By-Laws.

# ARTICLE VII Liability

None of the members, directors or officers of this corporation shall be personally liable for its debts, liabilities or obligations.

#### ARTICLE VIII Initial Board of Directors

The corporation shall have two (2) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the By-Laws but shall never be less than two (2). Qualification, voting and other rights of such directors and the manner of the election or appointment shall be as set forth in the By-Laws. The names and addresses of the initial directors of this corporation are:

Shermaine B. Sacasa

2415 NW 169<sup>th</sup> Street Miami, FL 33056 Princess P. Sacasa

2415 NW 169<sup>th</sup> Street

Miami, FL 33056

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295 NE 150<sup>th</sup> Street Miami, FL 33161

# ARTICLE IX Officers and Directors

The officers of the corporation shall occupy those positions designated in the By-Laws and the officers and directors shall be elected and shall govern in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws

# ARTICLE X Indemnification

This corporation shall indemnify its directors and officers, and may indemnify its employees and agents, to the fullest extent permitted by the provisions of the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporations Act and the Florida Business Corporation Act from and against any and all of the expenses or liabilities incurred in defending a civil or criminal proceeding, or other matters referred to in or covered by such acts, including advancement of expenses prior to the final disposition of such proceedings and amounts paid in settlement of such proceedings, and the indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any by-law agreement, vote of members (if any) or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrations, of such a person, and an adjudication of liability shall not affect the right to indemnification for those indemnified.

## ARTICLE XI Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation shall be 2415 NW 169th Street, Miami, FL 33056 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at the address is Shermaine B. Sacasa.

# ARTICLE XII Incorporator

The name of the incorporator of this Corporation is Shermaine B. Sacasa and the address of said incorporator is 2415 NW 169<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33056.

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## ARTICLE XIV Effective Date

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective as of the date of filing with the Department of State, State of Florida.

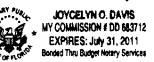
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation, under the laws of the State of Florida, I have executed these articles of incorporation, this 10th day of December, 2007.

Shermaine B. Sacasa, Incorporator

#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DADE

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation of A CASA BELLA TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, INC. was acknowledged before me this 104 day of December 2007, by Shermaine B. Sacasa, Incorporator, who is personally known to me or has produced 5220-782-67929 as identification.

Commission Expires:



#### ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the foregoing designation as Registered Agent for Service of Process within the State of Florida, does hereby agree to act in this capacity and to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties this \_\_\_\_\_10th\_\_\_ day of December 2007.

Shermaine B. Sacasa