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**SUBJECT:**

**Christian Children's Ranches, Inc.**

Enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :  
\$87.50

Filing Fee	\$35.00
Designation of Registered Agent	\$35.00
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**ADDITIONAL COPY ENCLOSED**

Printed Name

FROM:

Robert Mark Howe  
Incorporator  
Christian Children's Ranches, Inc.  
15867 SW 151st St.  
Indiantown, FL 34956

  
Robert Mark Howe Signature

  
Printed Name

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF Christian Children's Ranches, Inc.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
Christian Children's Ranches, Inc.  
A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation**

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**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be:  
Christian Children's Ranches, Inc.

**ARTICLE II. DURATION**

This corporation's term shall be perpetual existence unless terminated sooner in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE III. PRINCIPAL OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal office of the Corporation is to be located at:

15867 SW 151st St.  
Indiantown, FL 34956

**ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE**

4.1 The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Law, and, Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes.

4.2 The Corporations is also organized for the purposes of making contributions or donations to other, non-supported by, and non-supporting of, the Corporation, § 501(c)(3) organizations within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended, and/or exempt from taxation under § 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended.

4.3. Within the scope of the foregoing, the corporation is specifically organized to engage in the following activities within, and for the residents of, Martin, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Charlotte COUNTIES, Florida.

4.3.1 To create faith-based, charitable, educational, agricultural and environmental work programs for at-risk "thrown away" and dependent teens, and previously dependent young adults.

4.3.2 To utilize these programs to assist at risk dependent or "thrown away" teens and previously dependent young adults to achieve sustainable independent living.

**ARTICLE V. ELECTION OF CORPORATE DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Corporation shall be elected in accordance with methods and

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qualifications specified in the bylaws of the Corporation. In no event, shall the number of directors be fewer than three.

### **ARTICLE VI. POWERS**

The powers of the Corporation shall be provided in the bylaws of the Corporation in accordance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended:

6.1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, officers or other private interests. However, the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to contract for services, and to employ and compensate staff.

6.2. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be to attempt, to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

6.3. The Corporation, within the limitations set forth in Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, and §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended, is empowered to hold any property, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation as to amount or value; to dispose of any such property and to invest, or reinvest, the principal or the income to best promote the purposes of the Corporation, within all applicable statutes, ordinances, contracts or agreements to which the Corporation is a party.

6.4. The Corporation may receive and administer funds for scientific, religious, educational, and charitable purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as may be amended.

6.5. No member, director, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Corporation.

6.6. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a tax exempt organization under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or engage in any activity not permitted under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as amended.

### **ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS**

7.1. Within thirty days of incorporation, the three incorporators of the Corporation, named herein, shall hold an organizational meeting in accordance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as amended.

7.2. The manner, time and place for regular, special and annual meetings shall be according to the By-laws of the Corporation

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7.3. The board of directors of the Corporation may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through, the use of any means of communication which allows all directors real-time participation and simultaneous auditory signal available to all participating members and directors. The board of directors may take actions through signed e-mail communications provided a resolution adopting this convention is duly adopted by the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATORS AND INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

8.1 The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs managed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the Corporation may be increased or diminished from time to time in accordance with the By Laws but shall never be less than three ( 3 ). The number of Initial Directors shall be three (3), and shall remain so until the Articles of Incorporation are amended to increase the number.

8.2 The incorporators shall constitute the first Board of Directors of the Association.

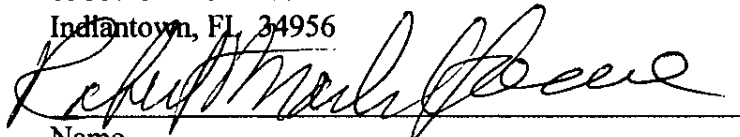
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8.3 These persons, subject to these Articles of Incorporation and by-laws of the corporation and the laws of the State of Florida, shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified according to the By-laws of the Corporation.


8.3.1 The names and addresses of the Incorporators are:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have made and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation at Indiantown, FL on the 5 day of MARCH, 2008.

Robert Mark Howe  
15867 SW 151st St.  
Indiantown, FL 34956

  
Name

Robert Mark Howe II  
1909 SW Hunter's Club Way  
Palm City, FL 24990

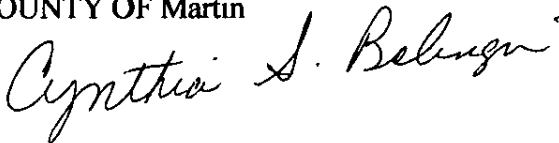
  
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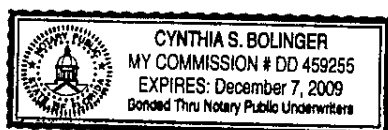
Franklin Paul Howe  
7869 SE Meadow Park Ave.  
Stuart, FL 34997

  
Name

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Martin





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### **8.4 Terms of Directors**

#### **8.4.1 Initial Directors**

Robert Mark Howe shall serve for three (3) years.

Franklin Paul Howe shall serve for one (1) year.

Robert Mark Howe II shall serve for two (2) years.

8.5 Thereafter Directors shall be elected at an annual meeting of the members of the Corporation, in the manner set forth in the Corporation's By-laws, provided that a quorum is present at such meeting. Upon selection, each Director shall serve for a term of three years and may be elected for successive three year terms.

8.6 The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a vice-president, and a secretary/treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the by-laws.

## **ARTICLE IX BY-LAWS**

9.1 The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall provide By-laws for the conduct of the business of the Corporation and the carrying out of its purposes. The initial by-laws of the Association shall be made and adopted by the officers/directors.

9.2 Upon notice properly given, the By-laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, or at any annual meeting..

## **ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments of these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a member of the Board of Directors. These Articles may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association. or at any special meeting duly called and held for such purpose, on the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors existing at the time of, and present at such meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI. INDEMNIFICATION**

Every person who now is or hereafter shall be a Director, Officer, Employee or Agent of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation against all costs and expenses (including counsel fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in defense and settlement, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding of whatever nature, to which he is or shall be made a party by reason of his or her being a Director, Officer, Employee or Agent of the Corporation, to the maximum extent permitted by law. The right of indemnification herein provided shall not be exclusive of other rights to which any such person may now be or hereafter is entitled as a matter of law.

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**ARTICLE XII. DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution and upon payment or adequate discharge of all liabilities and obligations, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or shall be distributed to a State or the Federal government for a public purpose.

**ARTICLE XIII. REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The Registered Agent and Registered Office of the Corporation are

Registered Agent:

Robert Mark Howe

Registered office

15867 SW 151st St.

Indiantown, FL 34956

**ARTICLE XIV. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to all legal residents of the United States who have reached their 18th birthday and reside within the Corporation's service area.



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**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been appointed the Registered Agent of the Christian Children's Ranches, Inc., and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment 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.

Dated this 5 day of March, 2008.

By :   
Robert Mark Howe

