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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
NEXTEP, INC.**

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The undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a corporation not for profit, under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

**ARTICLE 1  
NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name of this corporation is NEXTEP, INC. The principal business address of the corporation is 4218 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33901.

**ARTICLE 2  
PURPOSES**

The general nature of the objects and purposes of this corporation shall be:

1. To provide a safe and sober living environment for persons recovering from alcohol and/or drug addiction, and to promote and support, directly and indirectly, the transitions to employability and productivity of such persons.

2. To do any and all things necessary and appropriate in connection with the foregoing purpose and incidental thereto.

3. The corporation's purposes are hereby limited in such a manner as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or under any corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distribution to organizations qualified as tax-exempt organizations under the Code.

**ARTICLE 3  
QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

The membership of this corporation shall consist of all persons hereinafter named as Directors while they serve as Directors and such other persons as, from time to time hereafter, may become members in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE 4  
TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation shall commence upon the filing of these Articles and shall exist perpetually thereafter.

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**ARTICLE 5**  
**INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
MICHAEL OELRICH	3809 NW 48 <sup>th</sup> Terrace Cape Coral, FL 33993

**ARTICLE 6**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have Directors initially. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws but shall never be less than three (3).

2. The Board of Directors shall be members of the corporation.

3. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws.

4. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation, are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
MICHAEL OELRICH	3809 NW 48 <sup>th</sup> Terrace Cape Coral, FL 33993
ANNE M. NEUHALFEN	3809 NW 48 <sup>th</sup> Terrace Cape Coral, FL 33993
WILLIAM WILCOP	<u>11450 Bayside Pointe E #1908</u> <u>Fort Myers, FL 33907</u>
RAYMOND JOHNSON, M.D.	12657 New Brittany Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33907
KATHY OLIVER, R.N.	12657 New Brittany Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33907

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
MARIO JUAREZ	6258 Presidential Court Suite 102 Fort Myers, FL 33919
CLARK RAMBO	12730 New Brittany Blvd. Suite 424 Fort Myers, FL 33907
PAT TRACY PROMETA	12657 New Brittany Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33907
NICHOLAS ANTHONY, Ph.D.	12657 New Brittany Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33907
DANE M. BLANKENSHIP	First Baptist Church 4117 Coronado Parkway Cape Coral, FL 33904

**ARTICLE 7**  
**BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority of the Board of Directors at a duly called meeting.

**ARTICLE 9**  
**DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION**

No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this corporation. In the event of dissolution of this corporation, none of the assets shall be distributed to any Director or officer of the corporation; instead, the Board of Director, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of this corporation, shall arrange for all remaining assets to be disposed of by the Director to such organization or organizations, as said Director shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes and qualify as a tax-exempt

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organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, all in accordance with the laws governing dissolution of not for profit organizations and organizations exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Provided, however, if the Director are unable to make a determination as to the recipients of the assets, the Director may arrange for such assets to be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction in Lee County, Florida, to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes and qualify as a tax-exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

**ARTICLE 10**  
**DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT AGENT**

The initial resident agent of this corporation for the purpose of accepting service of process within this State shall be MICHAEL OELRICH, whose address is 3809 NW 48<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Cape Coral, Florida 33993, City of Cape Coral, County of Lee, State of Florida.

**ARTICLE 11**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. No part of the net earnings or assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual, member, director, or officer, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in ARTICLE 2 hereof.

2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

3. No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this corporation and upon dissolution of this organization all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed in accordance with ARTICLE 9 hereof.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or under any corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax laws.

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5. The corporation may by its Bylaws make any other provisions or requirements for the arrangement or conduct of its business, provided the same are not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, nor contrary to the laws of the state of Florida or of the United States.

The undersigned incorporator has hereunto set his hand and seal this 28th day of JANUARY, 2009, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the state of Florida

  
MICHAEL OELRICH, Incorporator

**ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS RESIDENT AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for this corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept the appointment, understand my duties 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.

  
MICHAEL OELRICH  
Resident Agent

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