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REAL ESTATE & TITLE INSURANCE PROBATE

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June 15, 2009

Department of State **Division of Corporations** P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: Matthew's Way, Inc.

ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Articles of Incorporation (original and one (1) copy)
- 2. Check for \$70.00 for the filing fee, and designation of Registered Agent.
- 3. Check for \$17.50 for one (1) certified copy of Articles and one (1) certified copy of Status.

Please file the original and return the certified Articles and certifies Status to the address shown above.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours,

John F. Pope

JFP/mr

Encl: as stated

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

MATTHEW'S WAY, INC.

(A Florida nonprofit Corporation)

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person, competent to contract, hereby forms a nonprofit corporation under Fla. Stat. 617 of the Laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

The name of this nonprofit corporation shall be MATTHEW'S WAY, INC., a Florida Corporation (the Corporation).

ARTICLE II

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is to provide food for hungry people by using surplus food that would otherwise be discarded by creating and managing food distribution programs to meet the needs of hungry people. The Corporation shall have all powers of a nonprofit Corporation under Florida law as set forth in Fla. Stat. 617.

ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively religious and charitable within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code) or successor provisions of the Code. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to it members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, 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 II hereof. 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 the opposition to any candidate for public office.

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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV

The address of the initial registered office and the principal address of this corporation is 2819 89th Ave. E., Parrish, FL 34219, and the name of the initial registered agent is John F. White, whose address is the same. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the registered office to any other address in Florida.

ARTICLE V

The method of selection of the Board of Directors and number of directors shall be stated in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

The name and street address of the subscriber of these Articles of Incorporation is John F. White, 2819 89th Ave. E., Parrish, FL 34219.

ARTICLE VII

The corporation shall exist perpetually. In the event the Corporation is dissolved, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the 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 such assets not so disposed of 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 for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617.0203, Florida Statutes this Corporation shall begin existence upon filing of the Articles herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned has set forth his hand and seal on June 15 2009.

I, John F. White, hereby accept designation as Resident Agent.

RESIDENT AGENT

STATE OF FLORIDA **COUNTY OF MANATEE**

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS acknowledged before me on June 15, 2009, by John F. White who is personally known to me or who has produced a Florida Driver's License as identification. ___

Printed name:

My Commission Expires:

