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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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

**SUBJECT:** CENTER FOR FAMILY EMPOWERMENT, INC.  
**(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)**

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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**FROM:** LINDA MATHIEU, Registered Agent  
Name (Printed or typed)

1221 N.E. 206 STREET  
Address

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33179-3098  
City, State & Zip

954-213-3212  
Daytime Telephone number

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**Articles of Incorporation**  
**Center For Family Empowerment, Inc.**

**A Non-Profit Corporation**

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Under the NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT of the State of Florida statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**Article 1**

**NAME**

The name of this corporation, hereinafter referred to as the " Corporation" is  
**Center For Family Empowerment, Inc.**

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**Article 2**

**CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT**

**TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

At all times, and notwithstanding the merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution, or winding up of this corporation, voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law.

A- This corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority either expressly by interpretation or by operation of law that will or might prevent it at any time from qualifying, and continuing to qualify as a corporation described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, as amended (hereafter sometimes referred to as the code", contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes; nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which might cause the loss of such qualification.

B- No part of the assets or net earnings of these corporations shall ever be used, nor shall this corporation ever be organized or operated, for purposes that are not exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the code.

C-This corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business profit.

D- No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene in any manner, or to any extent, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, whether by publishing or distributing statements, or otherwise.

E- At no time shall this corporation engage in any activities which are unlawful under the laws of the United States of America, the State of Florida or another jurisdiction where its activities are carried on;

nor shall it engage in any transaction defined at the time as prohibited under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

F- No compensation, loan or other payment shall be paid or made to any officer, director, incorporation of this corporation, or substantial contributor to it, unless such payment is permissible under paragraph H of this article and except as a reasonable compensation for services rendered and / or as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of this Corporation; and no part of the assets or the earnings, current or accumulated, of this corporation shall ever be distributed to or divided among any such persons, or inure to, be used for accrue to or to the benefit of any such person or private individual( pursuant to the prohibition contained in Section 501(c) (3) of the code).

G- No solicitation of contributions to this corporation shall be made, and no gift bequest or devise to this corporation shall be accepted upon any condition or limitation which, in the opinion of the corporation, may cause the corporation to lose it's exemption from payment of federal income taxes.

H- Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, if at any time or times the corporation shall be a " private foundation" as defined in section 509 of the code, than during such time or times the corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and such manner as not to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4942(d) of the code.

1. Upon the termination, dissolution or winding up of this corporation in any manner or for any reason, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) for all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to and only to one or more organizations described on Section 501(c) (3) of the code, and such organization or organizations shall not be "private foundations" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code and shall not be "publicly supported" within the meaning of that code.

2. Any references herein to any provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 shall be deemed to mean such provisions as now or hereafter existing amended, supplemented, or superseded as the case may be.

### **Article 3**

#### **PERPETUAL EXISTENCE**

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 with the Secretary of State, State of Florida

### **Article 4**

The initial street address in the state of Florida of the initial registered office of the corporation is: 1221 N.E. 206th Street Miami, Florida 33179

and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is: Linda Mathieu

**Article 5**

The Territory in which the operations of the Corporation are principally to be conducted at: Miami, State of Florida, as well as the United States of America and its territories and possessions, but the operations of the Corporation shall not be limited to such territory.

**Address of Corporation :**

1221 N.E. 206th Street Miami, Florida 33179

**Article 6**

The number of initial directors of this Corporation shall be three (3) and the names and addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

Linda Mathieu, Board Member at Large                      9205 Ramblewood Drive Suite 834 Coral Springs, Florida 33071

Florence P. Thony, Board Member at Large                      1221 N.E. 206th Street Miami, Florida 33179

Marie E. Elegzaro, Chairman/President                      1221 N.E. 206th Street Miami, Florida 33179

**Article 7**

The name(s) and address (es) of the incorporator(s) of this corporation is/are:

Linda Mathieu, Board Member at Large                      9205 Ramblewood Drive Suite 834 Coral Springs, Florida 33071

Florence P. Thony, Board Member at Large                      1221 N.E. 206th Street Miami, Florida 33179

Marie E. Elegzaro, Chairman/President                      1221 N.E. 206th Street Miami, Florida 33179

## Article 8

### PURPOSES

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c ) ( 3) of the Internal Revenue Code., or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific objectives and purposes of this corporation in addition shall be: Motivated By our Faith in Jesus, we will serve the poor-regardless of a person's religion, race, ethnicity, or gender, As a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people. Our goal will be to further other charitable work, and to that end may adopt and establish bylaws and make all rules and regulations deemed necessary and expedient for the management of its affairs, in accordance with law and not inconsistent with these articles of incorporation; and, to take, manage, hold and dispose of the property, real and personal of the corporation.. We will create an environment that nurtures and encourages children to reach their full potential:

**Education for the prevention of HIV/AIDS**, Our organization dedicated to helping these children and young adults who have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS or other chronic illnesses. It is our mission to provide chronically ill patients with all or some of the following: items and services for HIV/AIDS pediatric patients; a social, and emotional peer support group for infected and affected HIV/AIDS youth; educational materials to assist parents in the education of their adolescent children for the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. Teams of Medical Professional volunteers will support this project. Our Action project is to start within the medical community asking for volunteers to provide free services to anyone in need.

**Education** - Educating the educator program teaching the instructors and teachers, to understanding with compassion of their pupils. Helping each child to make positive decisions affecting their life.

**Education Supplies** - School products and home office supplies will supply the schools in economically challenged school districts.

**Health Care** - Providing the necessary health care, as well as nutrition. Through volunteers networks of professional medical staff they will provide assessment of the sick, proscribing treatment and medicine.

**Supply Distribution** - will collect donations of new personal items such as clothing, toiletries and blankets etc.

**After School Program** - program will offer a after school and Saturday tutoring program. Teaching computers, job interviewing, banking, job skills etc.

**Mentorship Programs** - this will provide a program that identifies and provides resources to meet the needs of the disadvantage.

**Relief Efforts** - Program will include a damage assessment for Food and energy supplies as well as shelters.

**Family Values and Community Involvement:** The purpose for which this corporation is formed shall be educational, philanthropic and civic, to the end that the member shall become more efficient in their homes, broader in their sympathies and more forceful in raising the standard of civic morality.

**Develop Alliances:** To gather the knowledge and data base of those who can provide resources for children's organizations, i.e., group and foster homes, social services, other

**Real-estate Acquisition:**

To provide a safe place for all those in the community that feel threaten, the improvement of the social condition of poor children, Improvements, the training of all people to better their lives and to add value by enrichment, and the purchase, rental, or acquisition of such real estate or the erection of such buildings as are necessary for the above mentioned purposes.

## Article 9

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications and obligations of members of this corporation are as follows:

- A. The Initial Interim Board of Directors will be elected from a slate chosen by the founders and nominating committee
- B. The management of this corporation shall be vested in a board of not less than three nor more than twenty-one directors chosen by ballot. The active boards of directors which shall organize departments and branches, and shall have supervision of all work of the corporation and shall make all contracts and leases.
- C. The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as directors until the first annual meeting of members or until their successors shall have been elected every three years and qualified, are as follows: All Board Of Directors shall be elected by ballot every Two years, cast by the active Board of Directors nominating committee at each annual meeting to serve for a period of Two years. The Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring in the interim of annual meetings.
- D. The control and management of the affairs of this corporation shall be vested in a board of directors or not less than three nor more than twenty-one (21

**Article 10**

Having been named as Registered Agent and to accept services of process for the stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment 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 am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.



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Linda Mathieu, Incorporator, Registered Agent

The undersigned incorporators hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.



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Signature

Linda Mathieu, Incorporator Board Member at Large

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Signature

Florence P. Thony, Incorporator, Board Member at Large

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Signature

Marie E. Elegzaro, Chairman/President Incorporator, Board Member at Large

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