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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

COMMUNITY ACTION STOPS ABUSE FOUNDATION, INC.



We, the undersigned, natural persons of the age of 18 years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation not-for-profit, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation not-for-profit pursuant to Chapters 617 and 607 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

The name of this Corporation is Community Action Stops Abuse Foundation, Inc., and its principal office is 1011 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33705-1503. The mailing address is P.O. Box 414, St. Petersburg, Florida 33731.

ARTICLE 2: CORPORATE PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the purposes of raising funds and establishing an endowment in furtherance of the mission of Community Action Stops Abuse, Inc, a 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to achieving a community without domestic violence, through advocacy, empowerment and social change, so that home is a safe place.

ARTICLE 3: RESTRICTIONS ON CORPORATE POWERS

The Corporation shall possess all powers granted corporations not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida and shall be subject to all restrictions imposed upon such corporations and in addition thereto the following restrictions shall pertain:

- 3.01 <u>Net Earnings</u>. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its 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 expenditures in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2 hereof.
- 3.02 <u>Activities</u>. 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 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 by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3).

ARTICLE 4: DURATION OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence. Corporate existence shall commence on January 1, 2012.

ARTICLE 5: DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed to Community Action Stops Abuse, Inc., provided such organization is an organization qualified as an exempt

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organization within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or if Community Action Stops Abuse, Inc. is no longer in existence or does not meet such requirements, then for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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 disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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 6: MEMBERS

- 6.01 Eligibility. Members of the corporation shall be made up of the members of the Board of Trustees.
- 6.02 <u>Dues.</u> Dues for the membership shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees in the adoption of Bylaws and Amendments thereto.
- 6.03 Meeting. Membership meetings shall be held as scheduled and notice shall be given each member in advance of such meeting as determined by the Board of Trustees in the adoption of Bylaws.

ARTICLE 7: SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residences of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation who constitute the founding members of the Corporation are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>		
Eric E. Ludin James W. Albright Robert E. Barnum Sheila L. King Craig Sher Linda A. Osmundson	13577 Feather Sound Drive, Ste 300, Clearwater, 800 Brightwaters Blvd NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33′ 3138 3 rd Avenue N, St. Petersburg, FL 33713 880 Carillon Parkway, St. Petersburg, FL 33716 2300 Sunset Way, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706 266 23rd Ave SE, St. Petersburg, Florida 33705	F\$3370 70±00 AHASSE	&11 DEC 29
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- 8.01 <u>Defined</u>. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a president, a vice president, a secretary and treasurer who shall perform the usual functions of said offices together with such additional officers as may be from time to time constituted and appointed by the Board of Trustees or as may be provided in the Bylaws.
- 8.02 <u>Election</u>. Officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Trustees at annual meetings of the Board of Trustees. All officers shall continue to serve until the election of their successors.
- 8.03 <u>Initial</u>. The names and addresses of the officers who are to serve until the first annual meeting of the Trustees are:

<u>OFFICER</u>	TITLE	<u>ADDRESS</u>
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Eric E. Ludin President 13577 Feather Sound Drive, Ste 300, Clearwater, FL 33762 James W. Albright Vice President 800 Brightwaters Blvd NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33704

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Robert E. Barnum Secretary Sheila L. King Treasurer 3138 3rd Avenue N, St. Petersburg, Florida 33713 880 Carillon Parkway, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

8.04 <u>Vacancies</u>. Any vacancy appearing in any office prior to the first annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be filled by action of the Board of Trustees and any vacancy occurring after the first annual meeting shall be filled in accordance with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 9: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 9.01 <u>Defined.</u> The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Trustees each of whom shall be members of the Corporation and shall be elected by the membership in the manner provided for in the Bylaws. The Board of Trustees may be increased or decreased as provided in the Bylaws but in no case shall the number of Trustees be less than three.
- 9.02 Term. Trustees shall hold their offices for three years or such other period as the Bylaws shall determine and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify.
- 9.03 <u>Number</u>. The number of Trustees constituting the initial Board of Trustees are five persons and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial Trustees until the first annual meeting of the Corporation and the election and qualification of their successors are as follows:

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designated contribution, gift or devise consistent with the general purposes of the Corporation. Where consistent with the needs of the Corporation designated contributions by deficient will be accepted and designations honored as to special funds, purposes or uses. The Corporation at all times reserves all rights over, interest in and control of such contributions in the full discretion as to the ultimate expenditure or distribution of the contribution in satisfaction of any specified fund, purpose or use. The Corporation shall, at all times, have full control over all donated funds and discretion as to their use so as to ensure that all contributions will be used to carry out its purposes as set out in Article 2. In the event the Corporation shall be beneficiary of any gift, devise or bequest, subject to conditions subsequent with respect to the administration or alienation of said property, the Corporation shall, at all times, act in a manner consistent with such conditions and the purposes to be served by such conditions.

ARTICLE 11: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be as adopted by the first Board of Trustees. The Bylaws may thereafter by amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting thereof provided that notice of such meeting containing the text of the proposed Bylaw amendment is furnished to each Trustee at least five days prior to such meeting.

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ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

12.01 By Trustees. Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by majority vote of the Board of Trustees and shall be subject to ratification and approval by two-thirds of the membership voting at any regular or special meeting in which a quorum is present, provided that written notice of such meeting containing the text of the proposed amendments be furnished each member not less than ten days prior to such meeting.

12.02 By Members. Amendments may be proposed by any member and may be considered at the annual or any regular meeting of the membership, provided that written notice of any such amendment or amendments shall be given in writing to all members at least ten days prior to the meeting at which such amendment or amendments is or are to be considered. An amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members voting, at which meeting a quorum is present.

ARTICLE 13: REGISTERED AGENT

The Corporation's initial registered agent maintains an office at Fisher & Sauls, P.A. 100 Second Avenue South, Suite 701, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 and the registered agent there shall be Marilyn M. Polson, Esq.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 20 day of December 2011.

Bric R. Ludin

James W. Albright

Robert E. Barnum

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Linda A. Osmundson

INCORPORATORS

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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED to accept service of process for the above stated nonprofit corporation, COMMUNITY ACTION STOPS ABUSE FOUNDATION, INC., at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

DATED this 22 day of December 2011.

Marilyn M. Polson, Registered Agent

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