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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE BRIDGE FUND, INC.  
a Florida non-profit corporation**

THE UNDERSIGNED, acting as sole incorporator of a non-profit corporation to be formed under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, F.S. §617.01011 et seq. (the "Act"), adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**FIRST:** The name of the corporation (the "Corporation") is: The Bridge Fund, Inc.

**SECOND:** The initial principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is:

4441 Blue Sage Ct.  
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134-7913.

**THIRD:** The term for which the Corporation is to exist shall be perpetual or until such time as the Corporation shall have been dissolved in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

**FOURTH:** Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed 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 court of general jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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.

**FIFTH:** The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provision of any future federal tax law, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations qualifying as an exempt organization from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provision of any future federal tax law. Specifically, the intended purpose of the organization is to give people in the community an opportunity to directly support special needs situations, helping neighbors in crisis and children's education in general.

**SIXTH:** No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements for) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other purpose not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code.

**SEVENTH:** The name of the initial registered agent of the Company is R & A Agents, Inc., an Ohio corporation, and the street address of the initial registered agent, which shall be the registered

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office of the Company, is c/o Robert D. Pritt, Assistant Secretary, 850 Park Shore Drive, Third Floor, Naples, Florida 34103-3587.

EIGHTH: The manner in which the directors are to be elected or appointed shall be as stated in the bylaws of the Corporation.

NINTH: The name and address of the sole incorporator is:

William R. O'Neill, Esq.  
Roetzel & Andress  
850 Park Shore Drive, Third Floor  
Naples, Florida 34103

TENTH: The names and addresses of the initial directors of the Corporation are:

Michael Beebe  
4441 Blue Sage Ct.  
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134-7913

James R. Herald  
3645 Heron Point Court  
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

Ann T. Soper  
23530 Peppermill Ct.  
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the sole incorporator, has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.

*William R. O'Neill*  
William R. O'Neill, Sole Incorporator

I, William R. O'Neill, Assistant Secretary of R & A Agents, Inc., an Ohio corporation, a company which has been designated to act as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated limited liability company at the place designated in the Articles of Organization, hereby, on behalf of such company, accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree, on behalf of such company, to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of a registered agent's duties, and I am familiar with and accept the designations of the position as registered agent.

R & A Agents, Inc.,  
an Ohio corporation, Registered Agent

By: *William R. O'Neill*  
William R. O'Neill, Assistant Secretary

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