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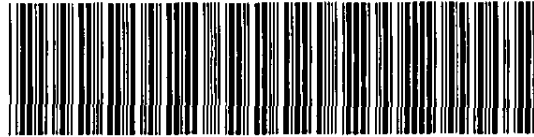
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Florida law requires the street address of the principal office and, if different the mailing address of the entity. A post office box is not acceptable for the principal office.

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

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Please accept our apology for failing to mention this in our previous letter.

The person designated as registered agent in the document and the person signing as registered agent must be the same.

Please add the address of the registered agent to the Certificate Designating Place of Business or Domicile for the Registered Agent. Since this was an oversight on my part you can just fax in this correction to my attention to (850) 245-6804. Please accept my apology for this inconvenience.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

GOOD NEIGHBOR EDUCATORS AND FAMILIES STRENGTHENING CENTER, INC.
(A CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT)

Article I
(Name)

GOOD NEIGHBOR EDUCATORS AND FAMILIES STRENGTHENING CENTER, INC.
hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation."
(A CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT)

Article II
(Status)

The Corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of Florida and is a Corporation not for profit.

Article III
(Principal Office)

The principal office for the transaction of business of this Corporation is
158 West Louis Broer Road, East Palatka, Florida 32137

Article IV
(Duration)

The duration of this Corporation shall be perpetual.

Article V
(Purpose and Powers)

The purposes of which this Corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, educational, social and economic. And will consist of the following:

A. The Specific and primary purposes are:

(1) To raise the economic, educational and social levels of the residents of Putnam County, including members of the moderate, low, and very low income community, who are

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substantially unemployed, underemployed, or whose income is below federal poverty guidelines, to foster and promote community-wide interest and concern for the problems of said residents to the end that (a) educational and economic opportunities may be expanded; (b) sickness, poverty, crime, and environmental degradation may be lessened; and (c) racial tensions, prejudice, and discrimination, economic and otherwise, any be eliminated; and (d) need for establishing and fostering additional availability of affordable housing.

(2) To expand the opportunities available to said residents and groups to own, manage, and operate business enterprises in economically depressed areas; to assist said residents and groups in developing entrepreneurial and management skills necessary for the successful operation of business enterprises; and to assist said residents and groups in obtaining financial support from other sources.

(3) To expand opportunities available to said residents and groups to obtain adequate low-cost housing accommodation by constructing, rehabilitating, and providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing for persons and families of low-income who otherwise is not be able to find or afford a suitable place to live. It is this purpose of the Corporation thereby to relieve the poor, distressed, underprivileged and indigent by enabling them to secure the basic human needs of decent shelter and to thus lessen the burdens of government and promote the social welfare. To provide such housing through rehabilitation of existing substandard buildings and constructions of new facilities in the place of brightened structures or brightened vacant sites for the purpose of combating the deterioration of the community and contributing to its physical improvements.

(4) To aid, support and assist by gifts, contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes, no part of the net earnings of which endures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is for carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

(5) To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizational of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.

B. In furtherance, but not in limitation, of the foregoing charitable, educational and scientific purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

(1) To solicit, collect and receive money and other assets, and to administer funds and contributions received by grant, gift, deed, bequest or devise, and otherwise to acquire money, securities, property, rights and services of every kind and description, and to hold, invest, expend, contribute, use, sell or otherwise dispose of any money, securities, property, rights or services so acquired for the purpose above mentioned.

(2) To borrow money, and to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, and other corporate obligations for monies borrowed, or in payment for property acquired or for any of the purposes of the Corporation, and to secure payment of any such obligation by mortgage, pledge, deed indenture agreement or other instrument or trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights or privileges of the Corporation.

(3) To invest and reinvest its funds in such mortgages, bonds, notes, debentures, shares, of preferred and common stock, and any other securities of any kind whatsoever, and property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, all as the Corporation's Board of Directors shall deem advisable and as may be permitted by law.

(4) To engage in activity of operation business ventures for the purposes of providing job training, employment services, and managerial development opportunities to said residents for the charitable purpose of furthering the economic development of the community.

(5) To hire and fire employees and to contract for outside services at the will of the Corporation.

(6) To engage in any and all activities that will directly or indirectly improve the welfare and economic conditions of said residents and groups.

(7) To exercise all rights and powers conferred upon corporations formed under the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the state of Florida provided, however, that the Corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers, including those specifically mentioned herein, that are not in furtherance of the specific and primarily charitable, educational and scientific purposes of the Corporation.

(8) The operation of said Corporation shall also include the concerns of:

- A. Transportation
- B. Promotions and advertisements
- C. Entertainment
- D. Historical Preservation
- E. Housing (land acquisitions, new construction, renovations, vouchers, subsidies, infrastructures, planning and maintenance.)

- F. Economic development - Business planning, and Start-up counseling, etc.
- G. Elderly Assistance
- H. Consumer Credit and Financial Counseling
- I. Social Services Referrals
- J. Legal Services Referrals
- K. Communications
- L. Quality Control and General Management
- M. Training
- N. Education and Research
- O. Recreation, Nutrition and Health
- P. Environmental
- Q. General Information System.

C. All of the foregoing purposes and powers shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such manner that the Corporation shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as it is currently and shall hereafter be in force and effect.

Article VI (Restrictions)

A. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as the same may be amended from time to time.

B. The Corporation is formed solely for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. The Corporation is not organized, nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit, and it will not distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to the Directors, officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay any reasonable compensation for services rendered and the make payment and distribution in furtherance of its specific and primary purposes. The property, assets, profits, and net income of the Corporation are irrevocable dedicated to charitable, educational and scientific purposes, and no part of the profit or net income of the Corporation shall endure to the benefit of any individual.

**Article VII
(Organization)**

A. The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by the Officers of the Board of Directors who shall be elected at the first general meeting and who shall serve in this capacity until their successors are qualified and elected as spelled out in the Corporate By-Laws.

The names and addresses of the subscribers of the Corporation and initial Board of Directors who shall serve until the election of their successors are:

B. Directors

The manner in which Directors shall be chosen and removed from office, through qualifications, powers, duties, compensation, if any, tenure of office, the manner of filling vacancies on the Board, and the manner of calling and holding meetings of the Board of Directors, shall be as stated in the By-Laws of this Corporation. The legal affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the officers who shall be elected at the annual meeting each year to serve for the ensuing year. The officers of the corporation shall serve until their respective successors in office shall be elected and duly qualified.

DIRECTOR PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN

1. Tyrone Finley
212 Powerline Road
East Palatka, Florida 32131

DIRECTOR VICE PRESIDENT

2. Sharon Austin
158 W Louis Broer Road
East Palatka, Florida 32131

DIRECTOR SECRETARY

3. Mark Atkins
2084 Crystal Lake Drive
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30044

DIRECTOR TREASURER (FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN)

4. Steve Blatch
3110 Australian Court
West Palm Beach Florida 33407

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DIRECTOR (MEMBER- FINANCE COMMITTEE)

5 Shana Sommons
1631 44TH Street
West Palm Beach Florida 33407

DIRECTOR/CONSULTANT/RESEARCH COORDINATOR

The board of directors will select an individual or assign a current Board Member for this position, or create a contract for independent services.

The board of directors is elected at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS

The names of the initial officers of this Corporation are identical with the Board of Directors

ARTICLE IX – INCORPORATOR

The name and mailing address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is Sharon Austin, 158 W Louis Broer Road, East Palatka, Florida 32131

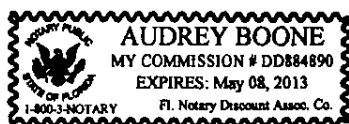
**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PUTNAM**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the state and county named above to take acknowledgements, personally appeared **SHARON AUSTIN**, also personally known to me known to be the person described as Incorporator in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that she executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

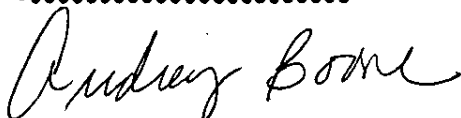
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SHARON AUSTIN

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the state and county named above this 2nd day of October 2012



(6)



CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE. NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

First, That **GOOD NEIGHBOR EDUCATORS AND FAMILIES STRENGTHENING CENTER, INC.**, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, in the City of East Palatka, County of Putnam, and State of Florida, has named Sharon Austin, having Mailing Address 158 W Louis Broer Road, East Palatka, Florida 32131, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping upon said office.

SHARON AUSTIN
Registered Agent



ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Article XI
(Winding Up and Dissolution)

Upon winding up and dissolution for the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to an organization and used exclusively to accomplish the primary purposes for which this Corporation is organized. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the County in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition by the Attorney General, or by any persons concerned in the liquidation in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party. No member, Director, Officer or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution on any of the assets upon such dissolution.

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