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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF**

**THE REFUGE, INC.**

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges and immunities of a corporation not for profit and do hereby make, subscribe to, acknowledge and file the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be THE REFUGE, INC.

**ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principal place of business of this corporation, until otherwise fixed by the Bylaws, shall be at 6027 Sweet Gum Run, Bartow, FL 33830, but said corporation shall have the power and authority to establish branch offices at such place or places as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND POWERS**

1. The purpose of the corporation is to further community involvement and education of children through providing a location for children to engage in recreational activities such as sports and fellowship, as well as through providing a place where children can further their education through additional study time, homework assistance, and tutoring.
2. The corporation 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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**3. The general powers are:**

a. To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, improve, construct, own, hold, use, maintain, operate, exchange, encumber, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of, real and personal property of every kind, nature, or description, as may be necessary or desirable to promote the primary purpose of this corporation.

b. To make and perform contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount, with any person, firm, association, corporation, municipality, state, government, or municipal or political subdivision.

c. To have and exercise all the rights and powers conferred on nonprofit corporations under the Florida law, as such law is now in effect or may at any time hereafter be amended.

d. To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of this corporation.

The foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed as a statement of both purposes and powers, and the purposes and powers stated in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by any reference to or inference from the terms or provisions of any other clause, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.

4. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to any insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of this corporation as set forth in Paragraph 1 of this Article III and nothing contained in the foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed to authorize this corporation to carry on any activity for the profit of its members, or to distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to its members as such, except for distribution of assets on dissolution

and winding up.

5. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Director or Officer of the corporation or any member of the corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no Director or Officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of the propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

6. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

7. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

8. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

9. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

10. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section

4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

11. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and said Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

12. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so 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.

13. The corporation shall have all powers authorized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE IV - CORPORATE POWERS**

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of this corporation shall be managed under the direction of, the directors of this corporation.

This article may be amended from time to time in the Bylaws of the corporation by a majority vote of the stockholders of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved in a manner provided by law.

#### **ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The method of election of directors shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation. The number of directors of the corporation shall be no fewer than three (3) but may be more than three (3) as provided by the Bylaws of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The names and addresses of each of the Directors, subject to the Bylaws, who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

Shelsetta Douglas  
100 Homewood Dr.  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Joshua A. Snively  
205 W. Lake Summit Dr.  
Winter Haven, FL 33884

James Berry  
2562 Partridge Dr.  
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Missy Eby  
234 Myopia Hunt Club Dr.  
Auburndale, FL 33823

Leah Suzanne Lethers  
119 Shaddock Dr.  
Auburndale, FL 33823

Mark Daniel Hill  
5360 Thornhill Rd.  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Robert Bemman  
3758 Crystal Beach Rd.  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

#### **ARTICLE VIII - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered agent is 6027 Sweet Gum Run, Bartow, FL 33830, and the name of the initial registered agent is Sean Fielder.

#### **ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of the business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time, including, but not limited to, the Bylaw provisions described in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make, alter or rescind the Bylaws in the manner provided in such Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation by a simple majority vote of all voting rights of all members of the corporation and all rights conferred upon the members herein are granted subject to this reservation.

#### **ARTICLE XI - MISCELLANEOUS**

This corporation shall comply with Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to the fullest extent possible under the current law and regulation allowed thereunder.

#### **ARTICLE XII - SUBSCRIBER**

The subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is:

Sean Fielder  
6027 Sweet Gum Run  
Bartow, FL 33830



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscriber has hereunto set his hand and seal and acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this 22 day of October, 2012.

  
SEAN FIELDER

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

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


**FIRST— THE REFUGE, 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 **BARTOW**, State of **FLORIDA**, has named:

SEAN FIELDER  
6027 Sweet Gum Run, Bartow, FL 33830

as its Agent to accept Service of Process within this State.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** (Must be signed by Registered Agent).

Having been named to accept service of process for the above state 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 open said office.



**SEAN FIELDER**  
REGISTERED AGENT

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