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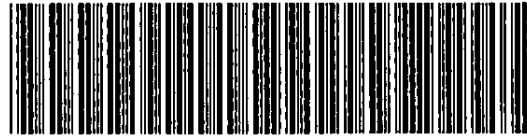
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**SUBJECT: Changes Transition Center, Inc**

**(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)**

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM: Thaddeus K. Bruce**

Name (Printed or typed)

**1625 Leon Road**

Address

**Jacksonville, FL 32246**

City, State & Zip

**904-704-1195**

Daytime Telephone number

**bruceministries@aol.com**

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**Changes Transition Center, Inc**

**A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

The undersigned incorporator, in order to form a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Florida, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ONE: The name and address of this corporation is **Changes Transition Center, Inc**, located at 1625 Leon Road Jacksonville, FL 32246

TWO: The name and address of the registered agent of this corporation is:

**Thaddeus K. Bruce 1625 Leon Road Jacksonville, FL 32246**

THREE: The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

1. This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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.

2. Subject to the foregoing provisions and in furtherance of its express purposes, the corporation has the following objectives: To pursue charitable and educational purposes to promote the well-being and betterment of the community. To sponsor activities and programs that provides benefit for youth disadvantaged persons and the general community that enhances their quality of life. The mission and vision of the organization is to build up today's youth by providing them with mentorship programs, academic assistance, and programs that encourage them to become effective and great leaders by teaching them to accept who they are and who they were created to be. In addition to providing these services, we believe that giving and supplying the necessary needs for a successful education are imperative. Promoting parental involvement through said programs will not only change the direction of our youth, but will provide families a balance of effectiveness.

The purpose of **Changes Transition Center, Inc** is to bring the tools of community development and faith together in a seamless collaborative effort of neighborhood improvement to serve the communities of South Florida and the region. The mission of **Changes Transition Center, Inc** is to educate and advocate for the economically disadvantaged. We take a "whole person" approach to this goal, with a focus on improving and enriching the mental, physical, emotional and social health of our community. We will provide a variety of counseling services, including mental health, career, and vocational. Our programming will focus on increasing educational opportunities for clients at all life stages. We will also provide instruction in developing life skills, including finances, social responsibility, and health and wellness.

One important goal is to reach as many as possible and make their journey in life easier and help them to navigate their way through those turbulent teen years. In building self-confidence and self-esteem, they will make better life decisions in deciding what they want to become in life. To pursue charitable and educational purposes to promote the well-being and betterment of the community. To sponsor activities and programs that provides benefit for persons seeking recovery from substance abuse, obesity, diabetes, and other health conditions and chronic diseases. To sponsor related activities for youth, elderly, disadvantaged persons, at-risk and the general community that enhances their quality of life. To sponsor programs that address the needs of the community with special emphasis on programs for families, job training and projects for youth, elderly, disadvantaged persons and the community at large.

FOUR: The number of initial directors of this corporation is Three (3). Their names and address are as follows:

**Thaddeus K. Bruce 1625 Leon Road Jacksonville, FL 32246.**  
**Shirley F. Roberts 1625 Leon Road Jacksonville, FL 32246.**  
**Venantius Sonny 1625 Leon Road Jacksonville, FL 32246.**

FIVE: The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

**Thaddeus K. Bruce 1625 Leon Road Jacksonville, FL 32246.**

SIX: The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

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

This corporation shall have one class of membership and shall be limited to its elected board of directors. Board members will be elected at the annual meeting. Additional provisions specifying the rights and obligations of members shall be contained in the Bylaws of this corporation pursuant to, and in accordance with, the laws of this state.

EIGHT: Any additional provisions for the operation of the corporation are as follows:

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this corporation 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 these Articles.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In any taxable year in which this corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the corporation 1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; 2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; 3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; 4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and 5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.*

**Thaddeus K. Bruce, Incorporator**

Required Signature of Incorporator

Date

Thaddeus K. Bruce      4-10-13

*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity*

**Thaddeus K. Bruce, Registered Agent**

Required Signature of Registered Agent

Date

Thaddeus K. Bruce      4-10-13

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