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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE BETHANY HOUSE, INC

## Article I

The name of the incorporation is The Bethany House, INC.

## Article II

The principle place of business of the Corporation is located 2555 NW 93<sup>rd</sup> st, Miami, Fl 33147.

## Article III

The Chief Executive Officer is hereby appointed registered agent for the Corporation.

## Article IV

The purpose for which the Corporation is organized and the powers with which the Corporation is vested include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To provide Case Management and care coordination services, substance abuse services, linkage to medical care, health education, medication adherence programs, HIV/AIDS and STD education and linkage to care, screening and prevention, and seek to receive donations, grants, fees, contributions, and other funding necessary to provide such services to the community; and
2. To provide transitional housing assistance to women and women with children in special cases, individual and group counseling , to provide low income families and individuals with social and psychological needs assessment and services to aid in the promoting of health, advancement in literacy, education, create community activities that will target family recovery with families who has experienced substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and or affects of incarceration within the Miami Dade county community, to create prevention programs for youth and young adult s population that will aid in educating and preventing youth violence and substance abuse, risk for transmission of HIV/AIDS and STD ,and youth incarceration. Implement programs that will aid in increasing self-esteem which are qualities that will aid in increasing the quality of life. The charges for such facilities and services to be predicted upon the provision, maintenance, and operation thereof of a nonprofit basis.

The Bethany House, INC is a non-profit organization and shall operate exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code(of the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or code). This is a nonprofit corporation and its purposes shall remain nonprofit.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distribute to, its members directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be

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authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not corporate, or intervene (including the publishing or distributing of statements) in political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not , except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furthermore of the purpose of this corporation.

#### Article V

Upon dissolution of The Bethany House, INC, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under 26 U.S.C 501(c) (3) (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or code), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the County in which the principle office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court such purposes.

#### Article VI

The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than (5) nor more than (11) members. The number of Board of members, manner of election, and term of office shall be provided in the Bylaws.

Additional members may be admitted at any meetings of the Board of Directors, provided they have met the qualifications and vote requirements in accordance with Bylaws of the corporation.

#### Article VII

The affairs of the Corporation are to be managed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors shall elect. The manner of election and term of office shall be provided in the Bylaws.

#### Article VIII

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and maybe be amended or rescinded in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bylaws.

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The Corporation shall exist perpetually.

Article X

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Boards of Directors of the corporation provided that ten (10) days' notice has been given. The amendments shall be filed with, and approved by, The Secretary of State.

EXECUTION

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator on this 22nd day of July, 2013.

Ebony A. Hicks, BSW, Chair Ebony A. Hicks, BSW  
Date 7-22-2013

Mikal Hamin, Vice Chair Mikal A. Hamin  
Date 7-22-2013

Chaney Wooten-Jones, Board Member Chaney Wooten-Jones  
Date 7-22-2013

REGISTERED AGENTS

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for The Bethany House, INC, a Florida not for Profit Corporation.

Ebony A. Hicks, BSW, Registered Agent Ebony A. Hicks, BSW  
2555 NW 93<sup>rd</sup> st

Miami, FL 33147

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