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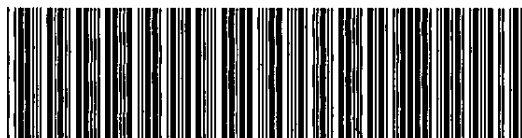
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
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P. O. Box 6327  
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**SUBJECT:** Growing Hope 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: Linda Landon  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

PO Box 91071  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Lakeland, FL 33804  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

407-414-5374  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

hckhn9@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

Growing Hope Inc.

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is a natural person competent to contract and hereby form a non-profit Corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

### Article 1-Name

The name of the Corporation is Growing Hope Inc. (hereinafter Corporation).

### Article 2-Purpose of Corporation

Purpose of Growing Hope Inc. is to train and teach life skills, and job training to special needs special needs children in order to prepare them for independent living in society. The corporation is organized 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.

### Article 3- Prohibitions

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its officers or other private persons, except that the 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 Article Second hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### Article 4- Directors

The Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of this Corporation. The initial directors as per a vote of the membership of the Corporation shall be:

Rick Collins

Mark Landon

Pilar Vilar

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**Article 5- Principle Office**

The address of the principal office of this Corporation is 5100 US Hwy 98N Suite 14 Lakeland, FL. 33809 and the mailing address is PO Box 91071 Lakeland, FL 33804

**Article 6-Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

Auburndale Bookkeeping and Tax Service  
417 Havendale Blvd  
Auburndale, FL 33823

**Article 7- Officers**

The Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of this Corporation. The method and timing of each election shall be determined by the Bylaws of the Corporation. The beginning slate of officers has been selected by a vote of the initial membership as per the bylaws of the Corporation. The beginning slate of Officers of the Corporation shall be:

Rick Collins President

Mark Landon Treasurer

Pilar Vilar Secretary

Whose mailing address shall be the same as the principal address of the Corporation.

**Article 8- Term of Existence**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**Article 9-Capital Stock**

This Corporation shall have no capital stock and be consisted of members rather than shareholders.

**Article 10- Qualifications of Membership**

The categories of membership, qualifications for membership and the manner of admission shall be as set forth in and regulated by the By Laws of the Corporation.

**Article 11-Voting Rights**

Members of the Corporation will have such voting rights as are provided in the By Laws of the Corporation.

**Article 12- Liabilities for Debts**

Neither the members nor the members of the Board of Directors or officers of the Corporation shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

**Article 13-Registered Agent**

The initial office of registered office of this Corporation is:

5100 US HWY 98 N Suite 14  
Lakeland, FL 33809

The Initial Registered Agent of this Corporation is:

Linda Landon  
5100 US HWY 98 N Suite 14  
Lakeland, FL 33809

**Article 14-Effective Date**

These articles of Incorporation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

**Article 15- Amendments**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Officers, proposed by them to the Members, and approved at a Members meeting by a majority of the Members, unless all the Officers and all the Members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

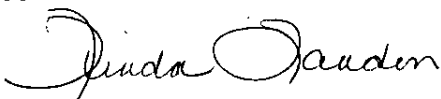
#### **Article 16- Indemnification**

The Corporation shall indemnify an officer of the Corporation who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the officer was a party because the officer is or was an officer of the Corporation against reasonable attorney fees and expenses incurred by the officer in connection with the proceeding. The Corporation may indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding because the individual is or was an officer, employee or agent of the Corporation against liability if authorized in the specific case after determination, in the manner required by the Officers, that indemnification of the officer, employee or agent, as the case may be, is permissible in the circumstances because the officer, employee or agent has met the standard of conduct set forth by the Officers. The indemnification and advancement of attorney fees and expenses for officers, employees and agents of this Corporation shall apply when such persons are serving at the Corporation's request while an officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, as the case may be, as an officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, whether or not for profit, as well as in their official capacity with the Corporation. The Corporation also may pay for or reimburse the reasonable attorney fees and expenses incurred by an officer, employee or agent of the Corporation who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding. The Corporation also may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual arising from the individual's status as an officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, whether or not the Corporation would have power to indemnify the individual against the same liability under the law. All references in these Articles of Incorporation are deemed to include any amendment or successor thereto. Nothing contained in these Articles of Incorporation shall limit or preclude the exercise of any right relating to indemnification or advance of attorney fees and expenses to any person who is or was an officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or the ability of the Corporation otherwise to indemnify or advance expenses to any such person by contract or in any other manner. If any word, clause or sentence of the foregoing provisions regarding indemnification or advancement of the attorney fees or expenses shall be held invalid as contrary to law or public policy, it shall be severable and the provisions remaining shall not be otherwise effected. All references in these Articles of Incorporation to "officer", "employee" and "agent" shall include the heirs, estates, executors, administrators and personal representatives of such persons.

#### **Article 17-Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principle office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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



Linda Landon

Date 5/23/2016

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.



Donald E Baehr EA  
For Auburndale Bookkeeping and Tax Service

Date 5/17/14

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