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***Carolyn Sutton***

3140 Bent Oak Road  
Pensacola, Florida 32526

February 8, 2017

Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
Section Name  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

To Whom It May Concern,

Please find enclosed the Articles of Incorporation for Sutton's Support Services, Incorporated, along with the appropriate filing fee. Please direct all correspondence, and filed documents, to:

ATTN: Carolyn Sutton  
3140 Bent Oak Road  
Pensacola, Florida 32526

Sincerely,

  
Carolyn Sutton

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**SUTTON'S SUPPORT SERVICES INCORPORATED**

**Article 1. Name.** The name of the corporation shall be **Sutton's Support Services, Incorporated** (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation"), and the address of the principal office of this Corporation shall be: 3140 Bent Oak Road Pensacola, Florida 32526, or such other place as its Board of Directors may from time to time determine and designate.

**Article 2. Duration.** The Corporation shall exist perpetually.

**Article 3. Purposes.** The purpose of the Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purpose within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding portions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), including, to the extent permitted by said Section 501 (c)(3).

A. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on or propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

B. This Corporation is and shall remain a corporation not for profit. The Corporation shall not have nor issue shares of stock. No dividends shall be paid, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of its members, directors or officers, or the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

C. This corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. The specific purposes of this corporation are: to exist as a community development corporation that operates programs that serve the community.

D. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations.

E. Provided, however, that the corporation shall not engage in any action which is not permitted to be carried on by a nonprofit corporation under the Internal Revenue Code and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its members, directors, or officers; but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to these people for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its stated purposes.

F. Upon dissolution of this not-for-profit organization, 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, non-profit organization, for a public purpose. Such distribution shall be made in accordance with the applicable provisions of the laws of this state.

G. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distribution 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.

H. Organization will serve to provide developmental services, resource and support services, inspiration to persons in need, to foster independent living, create successful access to employment, and assist citizens to become productive in their communities.

**Article 4. Indemnification.** The Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless the officers, members of the board of directors, and members of the organization whether volunteer or temporary, it's agents or assignees against any all actions resulting from the sponsored activities of the corporation.

**Article 5. Members.** The Corporation shall have Voting Members, who shall be elected (and may be removed) by Voting Members, and who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The Bylaws may provide for Nonvoting Members or one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote. The name and address of each initial Voting Member is as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	
Carolyn Sutton	3140 Bent Oak Road	Pensacola, Florida 32526
Erica Sampson	1510 West Gregory Street	Pensacola, Florida 32502
Martez Sampson	1510 West Gregory Street	Pensacola, Florida 32502

**Article 5. Initial Registered Agent and Office.** The initial registered agent is Carolyn Sutton the initial registered agent office is located at 3140 Bent Oak Road, Pensacola, Florida 32526.

**Article 6. Initial Board of Directors.** The initial Board of Directors shall have 3 members whose name and addresses are:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	
Carolyn Sutton	3140 Bent Oak Road	Pensacola, Florida 32526
Erica Sampson	1510 West Gregory Street	Pensacola, Florida 32502
Martez Sampson	1510 West Gregory Street	Pensacola, Florida 32502

The Bylaws shall provide the method of election of all Directors, and the number of Directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the bylaws but shall in not case be less than three.

**Article 7. Officers.** The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair and, Treasurer, and Secretary. Other officers may be provided for in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (and may be removed by the Board of Directors) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Chair	Carolyn Sutton	3140 Bent Oak Road Pensacola, Florida 32526
Vice Chair	Erica Sampson	1510 West Gregory St Pensacola, Florida 32502
Sec/Tres	Martez Sampson	1510 West Gregory St Pensacola, Florida 32502


**Article 8. Incorporator(s).** The names and addresses of the incorporator of this corporation are: Carolyn Sutton 3140 Bent Oak Road, Pensacola, Florida, 32526

**Article 9. Nonstock Basis.** The Corporation is organized (and shall be operated) on a non-stock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock, but may issue membership certificates if so provided in the bylaws.

**Articles 10. By-Laws.** The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal by-laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

**Article 11. Corporation Address.** The street address of the Corporation's initial principal office is and, the Corporation's mailing address is: 3140 Bent Oak Road, Pensacola, Florida, 32526.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 8th day of February 2017.

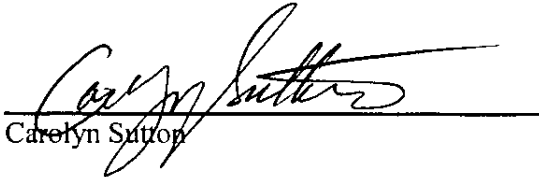
  
Carolyn Sutton  
(Signature of Incorporator)

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of the **Sutton Support Services, Incorporated**, which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. Pursuant to section 607.0501(3), Florida Statutes (1991), I hereby state that I am familiar with and accept the duties, obligation and responsibilities as Registered Agent for said corporation.

**DATED this 8 th day of February, 2017.**

**I accept designation as registered agent:**

  
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Carolyn Sutton