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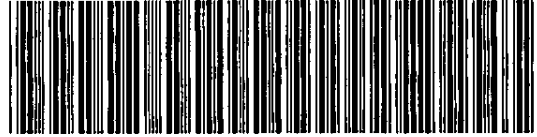
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November 17, 2017

SHARON R. THOMPSON  
2525 PLEASANT VALLEY DR.  
CANTONMENT, FL 32533

SUBJECT: STRONG FAMILIES, INC.  
Ref. Number: W17000091985

We have received your document for STRONG FAMILIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

You must list at least one incorporator with a complete business street address.

In order for us to process your article, the incorporator must sign their name as the designated incorporator.

The document must contain both the street address of the principal office and the mailing address of the entity.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Nadira D McClees-Sams  
Regulatory Specialist II

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

October 27, 2017

SHARON R. THOMPSON  
2525 PLEASANT VALLEY DR.  
CANTONMENT, FL 32533

SUBJECT: STRONG FAMILIES, INC.  
Ref. Number: W17000086185

We have received your document for STRONG FAMILIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 607.0120(6)(b), or 617.0120(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that articles of incorporation be executed by an incorporator.

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Nadira D McClees-Sams  
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11/17/2017

Sharon R. Thompson  
2525 Pleasant Valley Dr.  
Cantonment, FL 32533  
Ms. Thompson,

This letter is in reference to the Amendment articles sent along with your corrected filing for Strong Families, Inc. I am returning the Amendment articles to you because the NonProfit Articles have not been filed until the corrections have been made to the original. Once, the corrected original articles are filed then you would be able to send in an Amendment if needed. As you correct your articles, please do so on the actual Non Profit Articles that are sent back to you.

If you should have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at (850)245-6052.

Sincerely,  
Nadira McClees-Sams

The original articles have been corrected to show the Addition of the article showing the Incorporator. An additional copy included as well just in case its needed. When I called the # above I was told that it was okay to change the date. Thank you!

## COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Strong Families, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Sharon R. Thompson  
Name (Printed or typed)

2525 Pleasant Valley Dr.  
Address

Cantonment, FL 32533  
City, State & Zip

1-850-450-5769  
Daytime Telephone number

Soaringdr4@aol.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF STRONG FAMILIES, INC.,  
A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, do hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE 1. Name.** The name of the Corporation is: **STRONG FAMILIES, INC.**

**ARTICLE 2. Not For Profit.** The Corporation is a corporation not for profit as defined in Section 617.01, Florida Statutes. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Directors or Officers, except to the extent permissible under law.

**ARTICLE 3. Duration.** The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE 4. Purposes.** This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations. To this end, the Corporation shall work to provide faith-based, clinically excellent counseling services to children, families, adults, ministers, and helping professionals; and to serve as a training base for faith-based counselors. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

In addition, and not in derogation of the foregoing, the Corporation shall:

A. Exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of such property and the income, principal and proceeds of such property, for any of the purposes set forth herein.

B. Do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

**ARTICLE 5. Limitation.** At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the Corporation:

A. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to any member of the corporation not qualifying as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, nor to any Director or officer of the corporation, nor to any other private persons, excepting solely such reasonable compensation that the corporation shall pay for services actually rendered to the corporation, or allowed by the corporation as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the Corporation;



- B. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; and
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended.
- D. The Corporation shall not lend any of its assets to any officer or director of this Corporation or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or director of this Corporation.

**ARTICLE 6. Members.** The Corporation shall not have members.

**ARTICLE 7. Registered Office and Agent.** The street address of the Registered Office of the Corporation is 6707 North 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite A1, Pensacola, Florida, 32504, and the name of its Registered Agent at that address is Sharon Thompson. The mailing address is Strong Families, P.O. Box 11880, Pensacola Fl., 32524.

**ARTICLE 8. Board of Directors.** The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is seven (7). The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The Directors shall be appointed as set forth in the Bylaws. The Bylaws may provide for ex officio and honorary Directors, and their rights and privileges, and may also provide for an advisory board.

**ARTICLE 9. Officers.** The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as 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.

**ARTICLE 10. Indemnification.** The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and Director, including former Officers and Directors, to the full extent permitted by the Florida General Corporation Act and the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act.

**ARTICLE 11. Bylaws.** The Bylaws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors. The provisions of Section 607.081, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, shall govern the Bylaws.

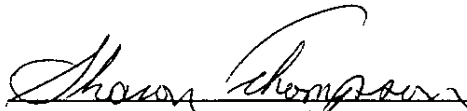
**ARTICLE 12. Amendment.** The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them.

**ARTICLE 13. Non-stock 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 or other certificates or writings evidencing an ownership or proprietary interest in the Corporation.

**ARTICLE 14. Dissolution.** Upon the time of dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(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 a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction 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.

**ARTICLE 15. Incorporator.** The street address of the Incorporator is 6707 North 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite A1, Pensacola Fl., 32504, and the name of the Incorporator is Sharon Thompson.

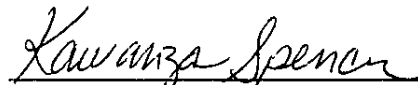
29 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this day of November, 2017.

  
Sharon Thompson, President

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA**

BEFORE ME personally appeared Sharon Thompson, as President of STRONG FAMILIES, INC., personally known to me to be the person described in and who executed the forgoing Articles of Incorporation of STRONG FAMILIES, INC., on behalf of said corporation, and acknowledged to and before me that she executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

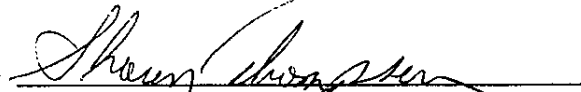
  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My commission expires: April 14, 2019



**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY** accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of **STRONG FAMILIES, INC.**, which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

DATED this 29 day of November, 2017.

  
Sharon Thompson, Registered Agent