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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

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MISTY PRIEST 5177 ELMIRA STREET MILTON, FL 32570

SUBJECT: GRATEFUL HEARTS FAMILY RESTORATION MINISTRIES, INC.

Ref. Number: W19000042539

We have received your document for GRATEFUL HEARTS FAMILY RESTORATION MINISTRIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The title(s) in the officer/director field(s) is/are not acceptable. Please refer to the following link for acceptable officer/director title information. http://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/search/guides/corporation-records/title-abbreviations/

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

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Grateful Hearts Family Restoration Ministries, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal street address of the corporation shall be:

3342 Southwest Hosanah Lane Okeechobee, Florida 34974

The principal mailing address of the corporation shall be:

3342 Southwest Hosanah Lane Okeechobee, Florida 34974

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#### ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

Said corporation is organized exclusively 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.

The corporation shall provide ministry and support to families recovering from a dysfunctional lifestyle of substance abuse and alcohol abuse. The corporation will provide classes, spiritual guidance, support, accountability, and employment guidance to struggling families. The goal of this faith based ministry is to restore hope and stability to families so that they may grow in their faith and inspire and aid others who are struggling with such issues related to a dysfunctional lifestyle.

#### ARTICLE IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

# ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The members of the corporation shall be the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be elected in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation.

# ARTICLE VI. INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title: Stephen T. Mercer, President

Address: 3342 SW Hosanah Lane

Okeechobee, Florida 34974

Name and Title: Katrina Mercer, Secretary Address: 3342 SW Hosanah Lane

Okeechobee, Florida 34974

Name and Title: Lester Berry - Chair Man

Address: 15192 Southwest Chickee Street

Indiantown, Florida 34956

Name and Title: Karen Hendry - Divector Address: 24240 Southwest Martin Hwy.

Okeechobee, Florida 34974

Name and Title: Ryan Bard, Treasurer

Address: 2883 Northeast Rosetree Drive

Jensen Beach, Florida 34957

#### ARTICLE VII. PROHIBITIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the 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 VIII. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed 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 IX. INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify all officers and directors, current or former, to the full extent permitted by law.

# ARTICLE X. REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Misty Priest 5177 Elmira Street Milton, Florida 32570

# ARTICLE XI. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Misty Priest 5177 Elmira Street Milton, Florida 32570

# ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the directors at any annual meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose. The Articles shall not be amended to permit the corporation to engage in any activity prohibited by Article VII.

# ARTICLE XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date shall be the date of filing.

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.

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Signature of Registered Agent	Date

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

Signature of Incorporator

Date

# Simmons, Marti

From:

Misty Priest <misty@floridafamilypride.com>

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# EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Dear Ms. Simmons:

Per our conversation today, I am writing on behalf of the non-profit corporation, Grateful Hearts Family Restoration Ministries, Inc. I am the Incorporator and Registered Agent for the corporation.

In regards to the filing, I give you permission to write in the following titles on the initial filing:

Lester Berry, **Chairman** Karen Hendry, **Director** 

Once you have done this on my behalf, the filing should be acceptable for processing.

Any expediency you can lend to getting the corporation filing finalized would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully, Misty Priest, Esq. The Priest Firm, LLC 5177 Elmira Street Milton, Florida 32570 PH: (850) 438-1040 FAX: (855) 438-0941

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