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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

### Tri-County Foundation, Inc.

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

#### ARTICLE I CORPORATE NAME

1. Name. The name of this Corporation is:

Tri-County Foundation, Inc. (the "Corporation")

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

2. Address. The street address and mailing address of the principal office is:

2026 Crystal Wood Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33801

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

3. Purpose. The goal of Tri-County Foundation, Inc., is to provide substance abuse support and mental/behavioral health support to uninsured and underinsured individuals in need of such services in Polk, Hardee, and Highlands County, Florida. The staff of Tri-County Human Services Foundation, LLC, and its subcontracted services providers and/or co-sponsors, will conduct virtual and live fundraising events to solicit funds from local and national foundations and/or endowments for Tri-County Foundation, Inc. The fundraising activities will primarily be held in Polk and Highlands County, Florida, but may occur in other counties in Florida as well.

4. Furtherance of the Purpose. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental entities.

#### ARTICLE IV 501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS

5. Limitation on the Purpose. This Corporation is formed exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively for charitable purposes in such manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

6. Limitation on Activities. The Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

7. Exclusivity. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes.

8. No Private Inurement. The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to the directors or officers thereof, nor to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's purpose. The property, assets, profits, and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to the Corporation's purpose and no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

9. Lobbying and Political Campaigns. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

10. Dissolution. Upon winding up and dissolution of this Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to be used exclusively for charitable purposes. If this Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned with the liquidation.

11. "Private Foundation" Provisions. In the event the Corporation is considered to be a "Private Foundation" by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under provisions of the United States Code, the following provisions apply:

- a) The Corporation will distribute its net income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- b) The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- c) The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- d) The Corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- e) The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V  
MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

12. The directors of the Corporation shall be elected in accordance with methods and qualifications specified in the bylaws of the Corporation. In no event, shall the number of directors be fewer than three.

ARTICLE VI  
DIRECTORS

13. The name and street address of the current directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Donn Van Stee  
2026 Crystal Wood Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33801

William Mutz  
2026 Crystal Wood Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33801

Robert Rihn  
2026 Crystal Wood Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33801

Dr. Linda May  
2026 Crystal Wood Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33801

Dr. Leon Battle  
2026 Crystal Wood Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33801

Jack Strollo  
2026 Crystal Wood Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33801

ARTICLE VII  
REGISTERED AGENT

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

Dr. Leon Battle  
2026 Crystal Wood Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33801

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATION

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


ARTICLE VIII  
INCORPORATOR

15. The name and address of the incorporator is:

Keathel W. Chauncey, Esq.  
6930 W. Linebaugh Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33625

CERTIFICATION

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.

  
Signature of Incorporator