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# **COVER LETTER**

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SUBJECT: The Wood Fo	oundation Bridges of Hope Inc (PROPOSED CORP	c. ORATE NAME – <u>MUST IN</u> O	CLUDE SUFFIX)
Enclosed is an original a	nd one (1) copy of the Ar	ticles 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
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FROM:	Cheri S. Hill/Sage Internation	nal. Inc. me (Printed or typed)	_
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

Daytime Telephone number

danielle@sageintl.com

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, desiring to form a Not for Profit Corporation in accordance with Chapter 617, F.S., does hereby certify:

# **ARTICLE ONE**

#### NAME

The name of the Corporation whose legal existence begins upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State for the State of Florida is **The Wood Foundation Bridges of Hope Inc.** (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

## ARTICLE TWO

# PRINCIPLE OFFICE

Principal street and mailing address: 5753 Hwy 85 North #5835, Crestview FL 32536

# **ARTICLE THREE**

#### **PURPOSE**

A. It is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, literary 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

B. The specific purpose: At the very heart of the child welfare system there is a gap where children are exposed, vulnerable, and in need. We are passionately committed to bridging that gap by serving as effective advocates for children who need it the most. We stand for the rights, safety, and well-being of every child, ensuring they never feel alone or unheard. By supporting each child with essential needs, housing, financial resources and continued family development we understand that the simple

presence in a child's life of a caring adult advocate focused on their best interest can make a lasting difference for a child to thrive as they grow.

# ARTICLE FOUR

# MANNER OF ELECTION

The governing board of this Corporation shall be known as Directors. The manner in which Directors shall be elected or appointed shall be provided in the ByLaws of the corporation.

# ARTICLE FIVE

#### INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the person(s) who are to serve as initial Directors until their successors are elected and qualified are:

Karl Gibbons, President, Secretary and Director 10002 Princess Palm Ave Ste 330, Tampa FL 33619

Joseph Dages, Treasurer and Director 5753 Hwy 85 North #5835, Crestview FL 32536

Carl Gould, Vice President and Director 10002 Princess Palm Ave Ste 330, Tampa FL 33619

# ARTICLE SIX

# **COMMERCIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

The Corporation's registered agent for mailing and service of process is

Business Filings Incorporated 1200 South Pine Island Road Plantation, Florida 33324

# ARTICLE SEVEN

# CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES

The Corporation shall possess all power and authority permitted by law, except:

- (a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Directors, Trustees, Officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable amounts for goods and services provided and rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Three hereof.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contribution to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# ARTICLE EIGHT

# <u>AMENDMENTS</u>

These Articles may be amended or superseded, in whole or in part, by the affirmative vote, of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the Directors of the Corporation, at any

meeting called for that purpose, or without a meeting by the written consent of all the Directors of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE NINE

# **DURATION**

The Corporation is to have a perpetual existence.

# ARTICLE TEN

# INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent of Florida Law, no director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation for damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, officer, employee or agent or for any act or omission of any such director, officer, employee or agent; however, the foregoing provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director, officer, employee or agent for acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct, fraud or a knowing violation of law.

# ARTICLE ELEVEN

# DISSOLUTION

The Corporation may be dissolved by the Directors at a meeting held for the purpose of adopting a resolution of dissolution, upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the Directors of the Corporation, or without a meeting by the written consent of all the Directors of the Corporation. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, all of the Corporation's property of every nature and description shall, after making provision for discharge of all the liabilities and obligations of the Corporation, be paid over and transferred as follows: (i) any assets held upon conditions requiring return, transfer or conveyance, which conditions shall have occurred by reason of dissolution or otherwise shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements, provided the return, transfer or conveyance is consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, (ii) any assets held in trust for specified purposes shall be applied

so far as is feasible in accordance with the terms of the trust, as long as it is consistent with Section 501(c)(3) and (iii) the remaining assets shall be paid over and transferred, exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation, to one or more nonprofit charitable, educational, literary, scientific, or religious organizations as determined by the Directors of the Corporation, provided that each transferee is either a governmental unit and funds are specified for a public purpose, or an organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3).

# ARTICLE TWELVE INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Cheri S. Hill 1135 Terminal Way Ste 209 Reno NV 89502

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.

Registered Agent Signature

September 10, 2024

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.

Cheri S. Hill, Incorporator

September 10, 2024