#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT: DEAS AND HARD OF HEARING INC. OF Charlotte County
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)



	is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check							
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.



November 30, 1994

PAMELA J. SCHMIDT P.O. BOX 27054 ELJOBEAN, FL 33927-7054

SUBJECT: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INC OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Ref. Number: W94000025510

We have received your document for DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INC OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The corporate name must be identical throughout the document.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation. A statement making reference to the bylaws is acceptable.

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

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 (904) 487-6929.

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Brendolyn Bruton Corporate Specialist



December 28, 1994

PAMELA J. SCHMIDT P.O. BOX 27054 ELJOBEAN, FL 33927-7054

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According to section 607.0202(1)(b) or 617.0202(1)(b), Florida Statutes, you must list the corporation's principal office, and if different, a mailing address in the document. If the principal address and the registered office address are the same, please indicate so in your document.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation. A statement making reference to the bylaws is acceptable.

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

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation"); and the registered agent's signature.

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Brendolyn Bruton Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 794A00054506

## Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County Articles of Incorporation

#### Article I.

The name of the Corporation shall be Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County.

#### ARTICLE II.

The Registered Office and the Corporation's Principle Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County shall be the residence of the original Incorporator, Pamela J. Schmidt, 6399 Coniston St. Port Charlotte, Florida 33981. In the county of Charlotte and State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE III.

The purposes of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County are to combine social and educational opportunities to the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and the Hearing public. To promote the awareness to the Hearing community of the charitable, scientific, literary or educational and social contribution that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing have to offer. To educate the general public, but not limited to:

- (A) The legal responsibilities it must uphold.
- (B) To provide literature on how to communicate with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- (C) To provide information on Interpreter training and information on sign language classes.
- (D) To engage in all lawful activities that may be necessary for the purposes of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation.
- (E) All of the work of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County shall be carried on by the Board of Officers/Directors, and all funds of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County, whether income or principle and whether acquired by gift, contribution or otherwise, shall be used; exclusively for social, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes directly or indirectly benefiting the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County.

- (F) That the monies may not be spent other than at the discretion of the Board of Officers/Directors is hereby created, and in such a manner that no part of the funds of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County assets will in any way benefit any member, officer, or director, or of any other Corporation.
- (G) But that reasonable payment may be paid for services provided to or for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County in furtherance of one or more of its purposes and that no one may benefit from grants, scholarships, fellowships, and similar payments or contributions made for charitable, social, scientific, literary or educational purposes in furtherance of the objectives and purposes of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County which are otherwise permitted under the Internal Revenue Code and regulations issued thereunder.
- (H) The Deaf and Flard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County shall not engage in activities that in themselves are not in furtherance of one or more of the exempt purposes specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, of 1954, as amended and regulations thereunder.
- (1) No part of the funds or assets of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County shall in any event be paid or contributed to any other Corporation, Organization, Foundation, Fund Institution or Governmental Body, any substantial part of the activities or which consists of carrying on propaganda otherwise attempting to influence legislation or which participates or intervenes in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (J) Only activities, income or funds permitted by the Internal Revenue Code, may be used as a grant for travel, study or other similar purposes by any individual.
- (K) No member, Officer or Director of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County or other private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of the assets upon liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County.

- (L) However, nothing contained in these Articles shall be construed to prevent distribution from the properties of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County to another distributee, in accordance with the provisions of these Articles and the purposes herein stated, because a member, officer or director of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County may be connected or associated with the distributee as a shareholder, member, trustee, director, officer, or in any other capacity.
- (M) In addition to, and not by way of limitation of any authority possessed by it or conferred upon it by law, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County shall have the following authority to accomplish the foregoing purpose:
  - (1) To accept, acquire, receive, take and hold request, devise, grant, gift, purchase, exchange, lease, transfer, judicial order or decree, or otherwise, for any of its objectives and purposes, any property, both real and personal, of whatever king, nature or description and wherever situated; and to own lease; operate, construct, or erect buildings, structures, or other improvements on any such real estate, all as may be necessary, suitable or convenient for carrying out the lawful purposes of the Deaf and Flard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County.
  - (2) To sell, exchange, convey, mortgage, lease, transfer, lend or otherwise dispose of, any property, real or personal, as the objectives and purposes of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County.
  - (3) To employ agents, servants, accountants and attorneys to perform such functions as may be properly delegated to them and to pay them for their services.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County does not, and shall not, allow personal gain incidentally or otherwise to its members.

#### ARTICLE V.

The management of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County shall be the responsibility of the Board of Officers/Directors. The number and manner of election, term each officers exercise (other than the first Board of Officers/Director), shall be fixed by the Bylaws in Article 3, Section 2 and may be altered by amending the Bylaws, but shall never be less than four (4).

The following persons constitute the Board of Officers/Directors, each of whom shall continue in office until his successor is elected and qualifies or until he/she is removed as provided by law in the Bylaws.

Executive Director/Incorporator:

Pamela J. Schmidt

6399 Coniston St.

Port Charlotte, Fl. 33981

President:

Velma M. Wright

4045 Country Meadows Blvd. Unit 8A

Port Charlotte, Fl. 33980

Vice-President:

**Eunice Ward** 

12 Twig Ct.

Port Charlotte, Fl. 33952

Secretary:

Kim Gaut

729 Halleybury St.

Port Charlotte, Fl. 33948

Treasurer:

Rose Hermann

1186 Rizzo St.

Port Charlotte, Fl. 33952

#### ARTICLE VI.

The conditions and terms of the qualification for membership in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County shall be provided for in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County shall have no personal liability for the Corporation's obligations.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County, whether voluntarily or involuntarily or by operation of law, except as, and to the extent otherwise provided or required by law, the remaining property and assets of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County shall be distributed as provided in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IX.

These articles may be amended in any manner now or hereafter prescribed by law.

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#### ARTICLE X.

I, Pamela J. Schmidt, Executive Director and Incorporator for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County, hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said Corporation.

We the undersigned, as Board of Olescorporation as they are written:	Nicers/Directors accept and understand the Articles of
Executive Director/Incorporator:	and about
	Pamela J. Schmidt
President:	Velma M. Wright  Volma M. Wright
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	Rose M. Hermann
notary Public in and for the County of	his31 day ofDecember, 1994. Being a of Charlotte, the above signed Executive own to me, has executed the foregoing Articles of
Charlotte County, Florida	Notary Public
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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

March 2, 1995

DHH BOX 27054 EL JOBEAN, FL 33927-7054

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You falled to make the correction(s) requested in our previous letter.

If there are <u>NO MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE</u> on a proposed amendment, the document must contain: (1) a statement that there are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment and (2) the date of adoption of the amendment by the board of directors.

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with a telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

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 (904) 487-6880.

Letter Number: 295A00009363

Karen Gibson Corporate Specialist



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February 22, 1995

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Amendments for nonprofit corporations are filed in compliance with section 617.1006, Florida Statutes. Please see the attached information.

If there are <u>MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE</u> on a proposed amendment, the document must contain: (1) the date of adoption of the amendment by the members and (2) a statement that the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.

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Karen Gibson Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 395A00008089

#### Article of Amendment

to

Articles of Incorporation

of

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617-1006. Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.

#### Article VII, which reads:

Members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc. of Charlotte County shall have no personal liability for the Corporation's obligations.

#### Article VII, amended to read:

Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal. State of local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction, in the county in which the principle office of the organization is then located. Clusively for such purposes.

This amendment was adopted on February 13, 1995 by the Board of Officers and Members of the Organization with a unanimous vote. Members of the Organization are entitled to vote on proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. Those entitled to vote currently consist of five Officers and seven voting Members.

Signed By:

and (or dome +

Pamela J. Schmidt

**Executive Director** 

13 February 95