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NAME: BALKAN OPPORTUNITY CENTER,
INC.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
 CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
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BALKAN OPPORTUNITY CENTER, INC., is a Florida not for profit corporation.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND ADDRESS

- A. The name of the Corporation is BALKAN OPPORTUNITY CENTER, INC.
- B. The principal office address of this corporation is 205 5th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND POWERS

Section 1. The specific purposes of the Corporation shall be:

- A. To serve all Bosnian-Herzegovina, Croatian, and Serbian war refugees of all regions and religious denominations. To provide the following services:
 - helping to find meaningful employment
 - helping to find affordable housing and furnishings
 - helping to find safe and reliable transportation
 - tutoring of English lessons
 - translating of documents and writing of resumes
 - psychology counseling for war traumatized children and adults
 - family and medical attention
 - educational and recreational outings for the children
 - easy absorption and transition into the American way of life
- B. To accept charitable donations as a corporation exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;
- C. To manage and operate its assets, if any, in recognition and attainment of the foregoing objectives; and
- D. To utilize its assets and resources in furtherance of the foregoing objectives.

Section 2. Except as limited by these Articles of Incorporation, this Corporation shall have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on not-for-profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida, all in furtherance of the specific purposes delineated in Section 1 above.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE III. LIMITATION ON ACTIVITIES

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any director, officer or member of the Corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no director, officer or member of the Corporation, or any other private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporation assets on dissolution of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign (including the publication or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 2. The Corporation shall not engage in any act self-dealing as defined on section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 3. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undisclosed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 4. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined on section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 5. The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 6. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 7. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization to which contributions are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

Section 8. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation the directors of the Corporation shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation to any other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes and which qualifies for exemption. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes as said court shall determine.

ARTICLE IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, the members of which are hereinafter referred to as Directors.

Section 2. The Corporation has five directors whose names and addresses are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Jovica Curacovic	600 Sixth Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Udo Visintini	619 Cedarwood Street North St Petersburg, FL 33703
Sandy Ford	2565 Fifty-eight Terrace South St Petersburg, FL 33705
Alexis Henderson, M.D.	821 Fifty-fourth Avenue South St Petersburg, FL 33705
Maria Visintini	619 Cedarwood Street North St Petersburg, FL 33703

Section 3. The number of Directors may be changed from time to time as provided in the Bylaws, but said number may never be less than three (3).

Section 4. Directors shall be elected and hold office as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, and Secretary. Such other officers, assistant officers and agents as may be deemed necessary may be elected from time to time as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2. The names of the present officers of the corporation are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>
Jovica Curacovic	President
Udo Visintini	Vice President
Sandy Ford	Secretary
Alexis Henderson M.D.	Medical Director
Maria Visintini	Social Director

Section 3. The officers shall be elected and hold offices as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 4. The officers shall have such duties, responsibilities and powers as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

Section 1. The street address of the present registered agent of the Corporation is 205 5th Street North, St Petersburg, FL 33701.

Section 2. The name of the present registered agent of the Corporation located at the address of the registered office is Maria Visintini.

ARTICLE IX. BYLAWS

The power to make, alter or rescind the Bylaws of the Corporation shall be vested only in the Directors of the Corporation, as may be more specifically provided in said Bylaws.

ARTICLE X. CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS

The conduct of the affairs of the Corporation shall be limited by the various provisions of the Bylaws, including but not limited to. provisions creating, dividing, limiting and regulating the powers of the Corporation, the Directors and the Officers.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

The power to amend these Articles of Incorporation shall be vested only in the Directors of the Corporation, as may be more specifically provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XII. SEAL

The seal of the Corporation shall be a circular impression with the name "BALKAN OPPORTUNITY CENTER", INC., around the border and the words "Florida Seal 1995" in the center.

The undersigned incorporator(s) has (have) executed these Articles of Incorporation this 28 day of February, 1995

Signature(s) of Incorporator(s):

[Handwritten Signature]

MARCO VISINTINI

Typed name of incorporator signing

Sandy Ford

Sandy Ford

Typed name of incorporator signing

[Handwritten Signature]

JOVICA CURAKOVIC

Typed name of incorporator signing

[Handwritten Signature]

LUIGI VISINTINI

Typed name of incorporator signing

[Handwritten Signature]

Mavis Henderson M.D.

Typed name of incorporator signing

Sworn to, and subscribed before me this 28th. day of February, 1995.

[Handwritten Signature]



JANET M. CROWE
My Comm Exp. 9/05/98
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No. CC404875

Personally Known Other I. D.

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is: BALKAN OPPORTUNITY CENTER, INC.
(must include suffix)

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Maria Visintini
(Name)

205 5th Street North
(Street address - P. O. Box not acceptable)

St. Petersburg, Florida 33701
(City/State/Zip)

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Maria Visintini
(Signature)

2/25/95
(Date)

Registered Agent filing fee \$35.00