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SUBJECT: THE OPTIMIST NETWORK GROUP, INC.

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We have received your document for THE OPTIMIST NETWORK GROUP, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF: THE OPTIMIST NETWORK GROUP, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under Florida Statutes Chapter 617, do hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is THE OPTIMIST NETWORK GROUP, INC.,

### ARTICLE II. NOT FOR PROFIT

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Director or Officers, except to the extent permissible under law.

#### ARTICLE III. DURATION

The period of the corporation's duration shall be perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

#### ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE

The general purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- 1. Charitable and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) and 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization 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) and 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- 3. Provide after school tutoring services to children.

- 4. Provide program for children where they receive counseling on self-respect, self-esteem.
- 5. Provide program for children where they vent out their frustrations, fears and help them to cope.
- 6. Create a mentor program for children.
- 7. Provide after school activities for children.
- 8. To act as an advocate for minority owned businesses to ensure participation in contracts awarded throughout the State of Florida and internationally.
- 9. To engage in the redevelopment of community housing.
- To maximize and inform the minority community of opportunities available.
- 11. To conduct workshops that would inform and provide support of minority businesses.
- 12. To encourage overall minority participation with emphasis on youth in the community.
- 13. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to amount or value, and to hold, invest, re-invest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of such property and the income, principal and proceeds of such property, for any of the purposes set forth herein.
- 14. To do such other things as are incidental to the purpose of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

# ARTICLE V. LIMITATION

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall

inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Director or Officers, but 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 IV (Purposes) hereof.

# ARTICLE VI. MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have Voting Members who shall be elected (and may be removed) by the Voting Members and shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The Bylaws may provide for Nonvoting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote. The name and address of each initial Voting Members is as follows:

# ARTICLE VII. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name and address of the initial registered agent and office are as follows:

Registered Agent: Initial Office Address:

Anne G. Telasco, ESQ. 7320 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, Fl. 33138

# ARTICLE VIII. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The number constituting the initial Board of directors shall be ten. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance Voting Members shall elect the directors annually. The Bylaws may provide for ex-official and honorary Director, and their rights and privileges.

#### ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a

President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as may be provided in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Director (and may be removed by the Board of Director) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE X. INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of each Incorporator is as follows:

- 1) SEGUNDO R. PADILLA 1395 N.W. 167th Street, Suite 205 Miami, Florida 33169
- 2) ANNE G. TELASCO 7320 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, Florida 33138

#### ARTICLE XI. BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Director, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Director.

#### ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENT

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members, Director and Officers are subject to this reservation. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, as amended from time to time, unless more specific provisions for amendments are adopted by the Corporation pursuant to law.

#### ARTICLE XIII. INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and

Trustee, including former Officers and Director, to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE XIV. BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend and repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Director, but all alterations, amendments and repeals of the Bylaws must be approved by a majority of the Voting Members.

# ARTICLE XV. COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE;

In accordance-with the laws of the State-of-Florida, the date when corporate existence shall-commence is the date-of subscription and acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation.

# ARTICLE XVI. NONSTOCK BASIS

This Corporation is organized on a nonstock basis. This Corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

# ARTICLE XVII. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The corporation's principal place of business are:

P & J BROKERS, INC. 1395 N.W. 167th Street, Suite 205 Miami, Florida 33169

#### ARTICLE XVIII, DISSOLUTION

In the event of Dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 50(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or Local Government for exclusive

public purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators of this corporation, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this day of 1996

SEGUNDO R. PADILL

MINE G. TELASCO

STATE OF FLORIDA )

COUNTY OF DADE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared SEGUNDO R. PADILLA and ANNE G. TELASCO, who after first being duly sworn, depose and say, under oath, that they are the incorporators named in the foregoing Articles of

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are the incorporators named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, that they have read the Articles of Incorporation, and they executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purpose therein described.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledge before me this

SEGUNDO R. PADILDA and ANNE G. TELASCO, who produced their current Florida Driver's Licenses as identification.

My commission expires:

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED OFFICE FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND NAMING THE MAY BE SERVED TASSEE. FLORIDA

In compliance with Section 48.091 and 607.034, Florida statutes (1979), the following is submitted.

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1. That THE OPTIMIST NETWORK GROUP, INC. TO CHARGE desiring to qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business at Miami, Dade County, Florida has appointed ANNE G. TELASCO, ESQ. as its Registered Agent to accept Service of process within the state of Florida.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation at the place designated above,

I DO HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY and agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete derformance of my duties.

DATE this A day of

ANNE G. TELASCO, ESQ.

\_Registered Agent