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February 1, 1999

Corporation Division  
Secretary of State  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

RE: Articles of Incorporation  
CARING HANDS FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

Dear Secretary:

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Enclosed please find the original and one fully conformed copy of the Articles of Incorporation of CARING HANDS FAMILY SERVICES, INC., which includes the designation and acceptance of Registered Agent, along with the registered office for service of process, for filing in the office of the Secretary of the State of Florida.

Also enclosed is payment in the amount of \$122.50 for the following:

Filing Fee	\$ 35.00
Certified copy of the	
Articles of Incorporation	52.50
Registered Agent	
Designation	35.00
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	\$ 122.50

Would you please return the Certified Copy of the Articles of Incorporation to the undersigned as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

*Linda J. Regan*

LINDA J. REGAN  
1680 Smith Street #3  
Orange Park, FL 32073

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Enclosures

1680 SMITH STREET, SUITE #3  
ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CARING HANDS FAMILY SERVICES, INC.  
A Non-profit Corporation**

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporators of these Articles of Incorporation, natural persons competent to contract, hereby form a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this corporation is **CARING HANDS FAMILY SERVICES, INC.**

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, including but not limited to:

1. Serving as an outreach for those in need, with emphasis on the visually impaired and underprivileged families, working through communities to strengthen their community through networking with other organizations and with churches, providing financial support where possible, a food bank, clothing bank and other household items for those in need, assisting those in need with their daily living, providing transportation for the visually impaired as well as providing a means of training for employable skills for the visually impaired and other underprivileged persons.

2. To recruit, refer and place like minded individuals who are willing to assist, serve or contribute to the needs of the community.

3. To take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease or otherwise, property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation, and to sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of any such property, and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal or the income therefrom in such manner as, in the judgment of the Directors, will best promote the purposes of the corporation;

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, this corporation shall have the power to do any and all incidental acts and things and to exercise any and all other powers which a partnership or natural person doing business on a non-profit basis could do or exercise as may be authorized by law, and shall possess such general and additional powers as are conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon non-profit corporations which are likewise and similarly organized, subject to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended; provided, however, that this corporation shall be operated exclusively for the attainment of its stated objectives and shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal and State taxation.

#### **ARTICLE III. CAPITAL STOCK**

This corporation is organized upon a nonstock basis, and this corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

**ARTICLE IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The existence of this corporation shall commence as of the date these Articles are duly filed, and it shall exist perpetually thereafter.

**ARTICLE V. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The Resident Agent for this corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in these Articles of Incorporation at City of Orange Park, County of Clay, State of Florida, has named DEBRA A. ROJAS, 3418 Red Oak Circle East, Orange Park, Florida, 32073, as its agent to accept service of process within the State.

**ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have eight (8) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased from time to time, by the By-Laws, but shall never be less than three (3), nor more than ten (10).

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be members of the corporation.

Section 3. The Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section 4. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the Corporation are:

DEBRA A. ROJAS

3418 Red Oak Circle E.  
Orange Park, Florida 32073

JACK CLANTON	591 Benjamin Harrison Orange Park, FL 32073
LINDA JACOBSON	2915 Circle Ridge Drive Orange Park, Florida 32065
PAM WOLBERT	1494 Park Avenue Orange Park, Florida 32073
KATHY SCHEURMAN	944 Maple Ridge Circle Orange Park, Florida 32065
MELINDA LEMEN	625 Wells Landing Orange Park, Florida 32073
JACK LEMEN	237 West Shores Road Orange Park, Florida 32073
ROBERT MYERS	1200 Alumini Drive Jacksonville, FL 32224

#### **ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles  
is:

DEBRA J. ROJAS	3418 Red Oak Circle E. Orange Park, FL 32073
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#### **ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the By-Laws.

Section 2. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Directors are:

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>DEBRA A. ROJAS</b>	3418 Red Oak Circle E.
<b>DIRECTOR</b>		Orange Park, FL 32073
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>LINDA JACOBSON</b>	2915 Circle Ridge Dr.
<b>DIRECTOR</b>		Orange Park, FL 32065

**SECRETARY**  
**DIRECTOR**

**KATHY SCHEURMAN**

944 Maple Ridge Circle  
Orange Park, FL 32065

**TREASURER**  
**DIRECTOR**

**PAM WOLBERT**

1494 Park Avenue  
Orange Park, FL 32073

Section 3. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors or as provided in the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE IX. BY-LAWS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this Corporation may provide such By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

Section 2. Upon proper notice the By-Laws may be amended, altered, or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

#### **ARTICLE X. POWERS**

Consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and with Florida Statute 617, and at all times, and notwithstanding the merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution, or winding up of this corporation, voluntary or involuntary, or by operation of law:

A. The corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority either expressly, by interpretation, or by operation of the law that will or might prevent it at any time qualifying and continuing to qualify as a corporation described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended,

contributions to which are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes; nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which might cause the loss of such qualification;

B. No part of the assets or net earnings of this corporation shall ever be used, nor shall this corporation ever be organized for the purposes which are not exclusively within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;

C. This corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on trade or business for profit;

D. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall it participate or intervene in any matter, or to any extent, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, whether by publishing or distributing statements or otherwise;

E. This corporation shall never discriminate against any person or persons upon the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex or age;

F. At no time shall this corporation engage in any activity which is unlawful under the laws of the State of Florida, of the United States of America, or any transaction prohibited by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;

G. No compensation, loan or other payment shall be paid or made to any officer, director, incorporator, or any substantial contributor to the corporation unless such payment is permissible

as reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation and/or as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the corporation; and no part of the assets or net earnings, current or accumulated, of this corporation shall ever be distributed to or divided among any such person, or inure, to be used for, accrue to or benefit any such person or any private individual;

H. No solicitation of contributions of this corporation shall be made, and no gift, bequest or devise to the corporation shall be accepted upon any condition or limitation which, in the opinion of the corporation, may cause the corporation to lose its exemption from payment of Federal and/or State Income Taxes;

I. This corporation may be dissolved only pursuant to the agreement of the Board of Directors. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, or all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a Not For Profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.

#### **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose, by a



majority vote of those present.

Section 2. Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided by the By-Laws, of intention to submit such amendments.

#### **ARTICLE XII. LOCATION**

The location of this Corporation is 3418 Red Oak Circle East, Orange Park, Florida, 32073 with a mailing address of 3418 Red Oak Circle East, Orange Park, Florida, 32073.

#### **ARTICLE XIII. INDEMNIFICATION**

This Corporation shall indemnify any and all persons who may serve or who have served at any time as Directors or Officers, or who, at the request of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, may serve or at any time have served as Directors or Officers of another Corporation in which the Corporation at such time owned or may own shares of stock or of which it was or may be a creditor, and their respective heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, against any and all expenses, including amounts paid upon judgments, counsel fees, and amounts paid in settlement (before or after suit is commenced), actually and necessarily incurred by such persons in connection with the defense or settlement of any claim, action, suit or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made parties, or a party, of which may be asserted against them or any of them, by reason of being or having been Directors or Officers or a Director or Officer of the Corporation, or of such other Corporation, except in relation to matters as to which any such

rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under the law, By-law, agreement, vote of the stockholders, or otherwise, and the Corporation shall indemnify any Officer or Director, or any former Officer or Director, to the full extent permitted by law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribing incorporators have hereunto set their hands and seals, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Jan., 1999, A. D., for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

Debra A. Rojas  
DEBRA A. ROJAS

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF CLAY )

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County named above to take oaths and acknowledgements, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1999, A. D., personally appeared DEBRA A. ROJAS, to me personally known or who produced a Florida Driver's License, as the person described as subscriber in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who did take an oath before me that she executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Linda J. Regan  
STATE OF FLORIDA



Linda J. Regan  
MY COMMISSION # CG607317 EXPIRES  
December 11, 2000  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.


**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS  
OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN  
THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

**CARING HANDS FAMILY SERVICES, INC.**, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its' principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation of 3418 Red Oak Circle East, Orange Park, Florida, 32073, has named **DEBRA ROJAS**, 3418 Red Oak Circle East, Orange Park, Florida, 32073, as its agent to accept service of process within the State.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

  
**DEBRA A. ROJAS**  
Registered Agent

DATED: Jan. 29, 1999

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA