# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

### THE BONNER COUNTY CHAPLAINS LIFE TREE CENTER, INC.

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PERSONS, ALL OF WHOM ARE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, DESIRE TO FORM A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE IDAHO NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF I 995, AND, TO THIS END, HEREBY ADOPT AND CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING:

#### ARTICLE ONE - NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be THE BONNER COUNTY CHAPLAINS LIFE TREE CENTER, INC.

# ARTICLE TWO - LOCATION AND AREA OF SERVICE

The place in this state where the initial principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the County of Bonner.

The Corporation is dedicated to serving the needs of families in Bonner County, the North Idaho Panhandle Region and contiguous areas of the State of Washington and the State of Montana.

#### ARTICLE THREE - DURATION

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE FOUR - PURPOSES

This Corporation is organized exclusively for the charitable purposes of:

- Providing assistance to families in domestic crisis, including homelessness, domestic violence, substance abuse, lack of life skills, lack of financial ability to provide for the family's basic needs, abandonment by a spouse or break-up of a marriage.
- Promoting the successful rehabilitation of offenders and their re-entry into the community.
- Contributing to the health of the community of Bonner County and the well being of its citizens by lending support to those in law enforcement and their families.

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The purposes will be achieved by offering the following services as well as developing additional services as the need becomes evident:

- 1. Provide emergency and/or transitional housing for women and children in need due to the above-mentioned circumstances.
- 2. Provide professional counseling in communication skills, marriage, parenting, substance abuse, domestic violence, and sexual abuse.
- 3. Provide support and counsel to facilitate reconciliation and restoration of families.
- 4. Provide education for clients in life skills such as cooking, home and family health, basic home maintenance, housekeeping, and money management.
- 5. Provide education in job-seeking skills as well as support for those seeking employment.
- 6. Provide counsel and support to criminal offenders, whether awaiting trial or sentencing, while incarcerated, or on probation or parole.
- 7. Provide counsel and support to ex-offenders upon release from incarceration.
- 8. Provide support for families where a spouse is incarcerated or has recently been released from incarceration.
- 9. Provide counseling and support to law enforcement officials and their families in dealing with problems that are particular to their occupation.
- 10. Accompany law enforcement officers on calls at their request.
- 11. Develop a community support network of professionals, churches, civic clubs and businesses that will participate in assisting those being served by this Corporation to develop healthy families, successful living skills and lifestyles.

### ARTICLE FIVE - INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Dale Spencer, Prison Chaplin B.C.C. Life Tree Center, Inc. 8525 Rapid Lightning Creek Road Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

Randall Clark, Presiding Officer Board of Directors P.O. Box 161 Hope, Idaho 83836

Vicki Burrell, Director B.C.C. Life Tree Center, Inc. 5400 North Boyer Avenue Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

Linda Hlipala, Secretary Board of Directors 929 Lake Street Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

## ARTICLE SIX - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the registered office of the Corporation is 5400 North Boyer, Sandpoint, Idaho, 83864. The name and address of the initial registered agent of the Corporation who maintains an office at the registered office of the Corporation, is

Vicki Burrell, Director Life Tree Center 5400 North Boyer Avenue Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

### ARTICLE SEVEN - INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial incorporators of the Corporation are as follows:

Dale Spencer 8525 Rapid Lightning Creek Road Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

Randall Clark P.O. Box 161 Hope, Idaho 83836

Vicki Burrell 5400 North Boyer Avenue Sandpoint, Idaho

#### ARTICLE EIGHT - MEMBERSHIP

The members will be This Corporation will have members. non-voting members who act in an advisory and support capacity only. Members will be accepted by vote of the Board of Directors. Members will not be required to pay dues.

# ARTICLE NINE - DISSOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

In the event of dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by operation of law, the remaining assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to an organization in Bonner County that has as its primary purpose(s) services to the community that are charitable, religious or educational, and that is organized for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of Bonner County, exclusively for such purposes or to an organization, foundation, fund, or local government for a public purpose.

## ARTICLE TEN - NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

This Corporation will not discriminate against persons seeking assistance, membership or employment because of their race, creed, or sex. Neither will the Corporation discriminate against those who are afflicted with mental or physical disabilities, except in cases where the Corporation is not qualified to provide appropriate services to such individuals or when the disability prevents such individuals from performing tasks appropriate to the particular duties and responsibilities of their employment at this Corporation.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PERSONS, ALL OF WHOM ARE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, DESIRING TO FORM A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE IDAHO NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF 1 995 HEREBY ADOPT AND CERTIFY THE ABOVE-STATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

3rd day of

DALE SPENCER, INCORPORATOR

Prison Chaplin

Prison Chaplin and Presiding Officer, Board of Directors

Director, Life Tree Center