# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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Pursuant to law in the State of Kentucky as set out in KRS §14A and § 273, the undersigned majority of whom are citizens of the United States, do hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation.

## **ARTICLE 1- Name**

The name of the corporation is: Steps and Strides Equestrian Services, Inc.

## **ARTICLE 2 - Existence**

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

## **ARTICLE 3 - Effective Date**

The effective date of incorporation shall be upon filing by the Secretary of State.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - Members**

The corporation will not have members.

# ARTICLE 5 - Type of non profit corporation

The corporation is not for profit organization.

## ARTICLE 6 - Principal Office

The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is: 3145 High Bridge Road, Wilmore, KY 40390

## ARTICLE 7 - Registered Agent

The registered agent is Rita Nicholson and the street address of the corporations initial registered office is 3145 High Bridge Road, Wilmore, KY 40390.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - Directors**

The corporation's initial directors are as follows: Rita Nicholson at 3145 High Bridge Road, Wilmore, Kentucky 40390 Julie Clardy at 3893 Gloucester Dr., Lexington, KY 40510 Barbara Bowen at 60 Washington Street, #1, Natick, MA 01760

# **ARTICLE 10 - Indemnification**

The corporation does indemnify any directors, officers, employees, incorporators, and members of the corporation from any liability regarding the corporation and the affairs of the corporation, unless the person fraudulently and intentionally violated the law and/or maliciously conducted acts to damage and/or defraud the corporation, or as otherwise provided under applicable statute.

# **ARTICLE 11 - Purpose**

The purpose of the corporation is exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code and herein stated as follows:

It is the mission of Steps and Strides Equestrian Services, Inc. to enrich the lives of individuals with a medically diagnosed disability with fun, safe equine activities. An enriched therapeutic environment will be offered to clients. Each client will receive individual and customized attention to gain as much benefit as possible.

We will provide adaptive therapeutic riding for persons who have a medically diagnosed disability to achieve higher potential. We will involved people with disabilities in a program in which riding is used as a therapy to maximize quality of life under the director of qualified personnel. Instructors will be PATH, Intl. certified and hold their CPR/First Aid certification. We will assist people with disabilities to increase their self-respect and self-confidence through learning to ride and work with horses.

The character and essence of the corporation is the same as the purpose.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - Prohibited Activities**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that 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 11. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

# ARTICLE 13 - Distributions Upon Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying all liabilities of the corporation, all assets shall be distributed to one or more exempt 501(c)(3) organization(s) that provide therapeutic equine assisted activities.

#### **ARTICLE 14 - Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Barnard Law Office, PLLC, 312 East Main Street, Wilmore, Kentucky 40390

Kimberly I. Barnard, Attorney at Barnard Law Office, PLLC

Wednesday, November 05, 2014