## THE CHILDREN OF FATHER CAMINAS, INC.

 ORGANIZATION BYLAWS
## ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the corporation is The Children of Father Caminas, Inc.

## ARTICLE II. CORPORATE PURPOSE

## Section 1. Nonprofit Purpose

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, 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.

## Section 2. Specific Purpose

The specific objectives and purpose of this organization shall be:

- To honor the memory of Franciscan Priest Antonio Caminas (d. 1985), to inform and educate the public of his life work assisting migrant children traveling alone to the United States, and following his example and in his memory, to assist the Catholic church in carrying out humanitarian projects to benefit children in need.
- To create physical and virtual venues where the history and the lessons learned by the Cuban exile community about religious faith, family, resiliency, hard work and the triumph of the human spirit can be shared with all Americans to help inspire and empower them.

Our directors, who were eyewitnesses and beneficiaries of the works of Father Caminas, must seek to follow his example and to maintain the highest standards and principles of the Catholic faith and human values as they organize and create charitable works and transmit that faith and those values to all those who become part of those efforts.

## ARTICLE III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Section I. General Powers

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have control of and be responsible for the management of the affairs and property of the Corporation. The initial board of directors shall be those individuals designated in Article $V$ of the Articles of Incorporation.

## Section 2. Qualification

Directors shall have the age of majority in Florida and shall be former participants of the refugee assistance programs run by Father Caminas in Spain or their direct descendants.

## Section 3. Number, Tenure, Requirements, and Qualifications

The number of Directors shall be fixed from time-to-time by the Directors but shall consist of no fewer than five (S) directors including the following officers: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall at all times consist of an odd number of directors.

The members of the Board of Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. No vote on new members of the Board of Directors shall be held unless a quorum of the Board of Directors is present as provided in Section 7 of this Article.

No two members of the Board of Directors related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time.

Newly elected members of the Board of Directors who have not served before shall serve initial one-year terms. At the conclusion of the initial one-year term, members of the Board of Directors may serve additional one-year terms.

Any member of the Board of Directors who misses more than three consecutive meetings of the Board will be automatically removed from the Board, unless the President has agreed to excuse the absence for whatever reason they deem appropriate.

Each member of the Board of Directors shall contribute at least two hundred cash dollars (\$200) to the organization annually, all or part of which may come from the tax deductible value paid for or solicited by the Board member, and received by the Corporation. No contribution credit shall be given for in-kind donations. Provided, however, that the $\$ 200$ cash requirement for any Board member who joins after the beginning of the fiscal year for his or her initial one-year term shall be prorated accordingly.

## Section 4. Regular and Annual Meetings

An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at a time and day in the month of September of each calendar year and at a location designated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place, for the holding of regular meetings of the Board. Notice of these meetings shall be sent to all members of the Board of Directors no less than ten (10) days, prior to the meeting date unless it is a regular meeting.

## Section 5. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two members of the Board of Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix any location, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by them.

## Section 6. Notice

Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting by telephone, e-mail, text message or by written notice posted to the

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U.S. Mail (five days after it's deposit in United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark). Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these by-laws.

## Section 7. Quorum

The presence, in person of a majority of current members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary at any meeting to constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number shall have power to adjourn to a specified later date. The act of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these by-laws. Any one or more voting members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in a meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

## Section 8. Forfeiture

Any member of the Board of Directors who fails to fulfill any of his or her requirements as set forth in Section 3 of this Article by September pt shall automatically forfeit his or her seat on the Board. The Secretary shall notify the Director in writing that his or her seat has been declared vacant, and the Board of Directors may forthwith immediately proceed to fill the vacancy. Members of the Board of Directors who are removed for failure to meet any or all of the requirements of Section 3 of this Article are not entitled to vote at the annual meeting and are not entitled to the procedure outlined in Section 15 of this Article in these by-laws.

## Section 9. Vacancies

Whenever any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors it shall be filled without undue delay by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors at a regular meeting.
Vacancies may be created and filled according to specific methods approved by the Board of Directors.

## Section 10. Compensation

Members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as Directors or Officers.

## Section 11. Informal Action by Directors

Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by two-thirds $(2 / 3)$ of all of the Directors following notice of the intended action to all members of the Board of Directors.

## Section 12. Confidentiality

Directors shall use discretion and good business judgment in discussing the affairs of the Corporation with third parties. Without limiting the foregoing, Directors may discuss upcoming fundraisers and the purposes and functions of the Corporation, including but not limited to accounts on deposit in financial institutions.

## Section 13. Advisory Council

An Advisory Council may be created whose members shall be elected by the members of the Board of Directors annually but who shall have no duties, voting privileges, nor obligations for attendance at regular meetings of the Board. Advisory Council members may attend said meetings at the invitation of a member of the Board of Directors. Members of the Advisory Council shall possess the desire to serve the community and support the work of the Corporation by providing expertise and professional knowledge. Members of the Advisory Council shall comply with the confidentiality policy set forth herein.

## Section 14. Parliamentary Procedure

Any question concerning parliamentary procedure at meetings shall be determined by the President by reference to Robert's Rules of Order.

## Section 15. Removal.

Any member of the Board of Directors or members of the Advisory Council may be removed with or without cause, at any time, by vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors if in their judgment the best interest of the Corporation would be served thereby. Each member of the Board of Directors must receive written notice of the proposed removal at least ten (10) days in advance of the proposed action. An officer who has been removed as a member of the Board of Directors shall automatically be removed from office.

Members of the Board of Directors who are removed for failure to meet the minimum requirements in Section 2 of this Article in these by-laws automatically forfeit their positions on the Board pursuant to Section 8 of this Article, and are not entitled to the removal procedure outlined in Section 15 of this Article.

## ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

The officers of this Board shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers must have the status of active members of the Board. One individual may serve two officer roles, if so elected.

## Section 1. President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, or otherwise may designate another officer to preside. The President shall have the following duties:
a. He/She shall have general and active management of the business of the Board.
b. He/She shall see that all orders and resolutions are brought to the Board for consideration, as required.
c. He/She shall have general superintendence and direction of all other officers of this corporation and see that their duties are properly performed.
d. He/She shall submit a report of the operations of the program for the fiscal year to the Board at their annual meetings, and from time to time, shall report to the Board all matters that may affect this program.
e. He/She shall have the power and duties usually vested in the office of the President.

## Section 2. Vice-Presidents

The Vice-Presidents shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President during the absence of the latter.

## Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all Board of Director meetings and will act as a clerk thereof. The Secretary's duties shall consist of:
a. He/She shall record all votes and minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose. He/She in concert with the President shall make the arrangements for all meetings of the Board, including the annual meeting of the organization.
b. He/she shall be responsible for sending notices of all meetings to the members of the Board and shall take reservations for the meetings.
c. He/She shall perform all official correspondence from the Board as may be prescribed by the Board or the President.

## Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasures duties shall be:
a. He/She shall submit for the approval of the Board all expenditures of funds raised by the Corporation.
b. He/She shall present a complete and accurate report of the finances raised by this Corporation at each meeting of the Board, or at any other time upon request to the Board.
c. He/She shall have the right of inspection of the funds budgets and subsequent audit reports.
d. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to assist in direct audits of the funds of the program according to funding source guidelines and generally accepted accounting principles.
e. He/She shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the President under whose supervision he/she shall be.

## Section 5. Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee may submit at the meeting prior to the annual meeting the names of those persons for the respective offices of the Board. Nominations may also be received from sources other than the Nominating Committee two weeks in advance of any annual meeting. The election shall be held at the annual meeting of the Board. Those officers elected
shall serve a term of one (1) year, commencing at the next meeting following the annual meeting.

## Section 6. Removal of Officer

The Board with the concurrence of $3 / 4$ of the members voting at the meeting may remove any officer of the Board of Directors and elect a successor for the unexpired term. No officer of the Board of Directors shall be expelled without an opportunity to be heard and notice of such motion of expulsion shall be given to the member in writing ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which motion shall be presented, setting forth the reasons of the Board for such expulsion.

## Section 7. Vacancies

The Nominating Committee shall also be responsible for nominating persons to fill vacancies which occur between annual meetings, including those of officers. Nominations shall be sent in writing to members of the Board at least two (2) weeks prior to the next meeting at which the election will be held. The persons so elected shall hold membership or office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred.

## ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

The Board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, executive, housing, public relations, data collection, etc. The President of the Board shall appoints all committee chairs. Anyone may serve in any committee.

## Section 2. Finance Committee

The treasurer is the chair of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures, fundraising plans, and the annual budget with staff and other Board members. The Board must approve the budget and all expenditures must be within budget. Any major change in the budget must be approved by the Board. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Annual reports are required to be submitted to the Board showing income, expenditures, and pending income.

The financial records of the organization are public information and shall be made available to the Board members, and the public.

## ARTICLE VI. EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS, DEPOSITS, AND FUNDS

## Section 1. Execution of Instruments

The Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, may by resolution authorize any officer or agent of the corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

## Section 2. Checks and Notes

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the corporation shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of the corporation.

## Section 3. Deposits

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

## Section 4. Gifts.

The board of directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the nonprofit purposes of this corporation.

## ARTICLE VII. CORPORATE STAFF

## Section 1: Executive Director

The Board of Directors may hire an Executive Director who shall serve at the will of the Board. The Executive Director shall have immediate and overall supervision of the operations of the Corporation, and shall direct the day-to-day business of the Corporation, maintain the properties of the Corporation, hire, discharge, and determine the salaries and other compensation of all staff members under the Executive Director's supervision, and perform such additional duties as may be directed by the Board of Directors. No officeror member of the Board of Directors may individually instruct the Executive Director or any other employee. The Executive Director shall make such reports at the Board as shall be required by the President or the Board. The Executive Director shall be an ad-hoc member of all committees.

The Executive Director may not be related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity to any member of the Board of Directors or Advisory Council. The Executive Director may be hired at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote and shall serve until removed by the Board of Directors upon an affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members present at any meeting of the Board Directors. Such removal may be with or without cause. Nothing herein shall confer any compensation or other rights on any Executive Director, who shall remain an employee terminable at will, as provided in this Section.

## ARTICLE VIII. - Conflict of Interest and Compensation

## Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of the conflict-of-interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Corporation or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

## Section 2: Definitions

a. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, or other staff member who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

Financial Interest
A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

1. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Corporation has a transaction or arrangement,
2. A compensation arrangement with the Corporation or with any entity or individual with which the Corporation has a transaction or arrangement, or
3. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Corporation is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under this Article, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists, or as provided by law.

## Section 3. Procedures

a. Duty to Disclose. In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.
b. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists. After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.
c. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

1. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
2. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
3. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Corporation can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
4. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Corporation's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination, it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.
d. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy
5. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
6. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

## Section 4. Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:
a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

## Section 5 Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall sign a statement which affirms such person:
a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
b. Has read and understands the policy,
c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
d. Understands the Corporation is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its taxexempt purposes.

## Section 6. Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Corporation operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:
a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Corporation's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

## Section 7. Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Corporation may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

## Article IX. IRC $501\{\mathrm{C})(3)$ TAX EXEMPTION PROVISIONS

## Section 1. Limitations on Activities

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section SOI(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this 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 provisions of these bylaws, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## Section 2. Prohibition Against Private Inurement

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors or 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 of this corporation.

## Section 3. Distribution of Assets

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Such distribution shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of this state.

## Section 4. Private Foundation Requirements and Restrictions

In any taxable year in which this corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the corporation
(1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code;
(2)shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code;
(3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;
(4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and (5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE X. INDEMNIFICATION

## Section 1. General

The Directors shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the corporation.

To the full extent authorized under the laws of the State of Florida the corporation shall indemnify any director, officer, employee, or agent, or former member, director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or any person who may have served at the corporation's request as a director or officer of another corporation (each of the foregoing members, directors, officers, employees, agents, and persons is referred to in this Article individually as an "indemnitee"), against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by such indemnitee in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which that indemnitee is made a party by reason of being or having been such member, director, officer, employee, or agent, except in relation to matters as to which that indemnitee shall have been adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of a duty. The foregoing indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any
other rights to which an indemnitee may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, resolution of the Board of Directors, or otherwise.

## Section 2. Expenses

Expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) incurred in prosecuting or defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding including appeals may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding, if authorized by the Board of Directors, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder.

## Section 3. Insurance

The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power or obligation to indemnify such person against such liability under this Article.

## ARTICLE XI. BOOKS AND RECORDS

The corporation shall keep complete books and records of account and minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

## Section 1. Articles of Incorporation

The Articles may be amended in any manner at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that specific written notice of the proposed amendment of the Articles setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each director at least three days in advance of such a meeting if delivered personally, by facsimile, or by e-mail or at least five days if delivered by mail. As required by the Articles, any amendment to of the Articles shall require the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) all directors then in office.

## Section 2. Bylaws

The Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws by majority vote at any regular or special meeting. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each director within the time and the manner provided for the giving of notice of meetings of directors.

## ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

We, the undersigned, are all of the initial directors or incorporators of this corporation, and we consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of the 13 preceding pages, as the Bylaws of this corporation.



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