

# *Articles of Incorporation*

*updated on February 14th, 2025*

## **INCORPORATOR:**

Name: Christina Patterson

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone: 330-649-2525 Ext. none

## **CORPORATION NAME:**

Legal Name: Friends in Tents FIT

DBA Trade Name: Friends in Tents & Community Outreach

## **PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:**

The address where the corporation's principal place of business will be located is:

Street Address: 594 5th St NE

City, State, Zip: Barberton, Ohio 44203

County: United States

Telephone: 330-649-2525

Mailing Address: 594 5th St NE

City, State, Zip: Barberton, Ohio 44203

**BUSINESS ACTIVITIES:** This nonprofit was founded in October 2019 and the corporation began on June 29, 2022, with an initial number of volunteers of approximately 4, and anticipated first year gross revenues of approximately \$15,000. The current time is Feb 14th, 2025 with approximately 40 volunteers and a yearly budget of \$35,000.

The primary activities of the corporation can be described as follows: We work closely with houseless and low-income individuals. We pride ourselves on providing networking services to local agencies and organizations to satisfy all the needs of our visitors. We focus on making the maximum positive effort for our community.

## **GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS:**

The business will conduct its operations in the following geographical area: Summit County with a homebase of Barberton Ohio

**FISCAL YEAR:**

The fiscal year of the corporation will end each year on December 31.

**DIRECTORS:**

The following person will be the Executive Director of the corporation:

Name: Christina Patterson

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

Each director will serve for a term of 5 years and then automatically be renewed unless a signed letter of leave is submitted. We will elect new officers every 5 years and have a maximum of 9 Board Members and a minimum of 3.

The Director and Board Members will not be personally liable to the Corporation for obligations arising out of the performance of the Directors' or Board Member duties.

**OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:**

Co-Founder/Board Member/Executive Director: Christina Patterson

Co-Founder/Board Member/Treasurer: Meggan Rafferty

Vice President/Board Member/Administrative Outreach Director: Allison Martzolf

Business transactions between the Corporation and its Officers and Directors will be allowed.

The following names are included in all financial decisions above \$500.00

All current sitting Board Members

The Officers and Board Members are authorized to do the following:

- Use the XXXXXXXX bank account
- Use space at 594 5<sup>th</sup> St NE, Barberton, Ohio 44203 which is leased from [REDACTED] upon such terms as the Officers and Board Members deem appropriate.

## **Board Members:**

The following people are key Members who will provide important skills and services with Friends in Tents FIT.

Name: Christina Patterson

Title: Co-Founder, Executive Director/Director of Boots on the Ground Outreach - Voting Board Member

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Name: Meggan Rafferty

Title: Co-Founder, Board Member/Treasurer

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Name: Allison Martzolf

Title: Board Member and Administrative Outreach Director

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Name: Melissa Johnston

Title: Board Member/Director of Sober Friends

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Name: Michelle Jackson Graham

Title: Board Member/Director of Fundraising

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Name: Brittany Zachry

Title: Board Member/Director of Community Garden

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Name: Franshire O'Neal Thomas

Title: Board Member/Director of Food Pantry

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Name: Renita Meyers

Title: Board Member/Director of Boots on the Ground Emergency Response Team

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Name: Teri Hall

Title: Board Member/Director of Building Operations/Secretary

Address:

City, State, Zip:

### REGISTERED AGENT:

The name and address of the Registered Agent of the corporation is:

Name: Christina Patterson

Company Name: Friends in Tents FIT

Business Address: 594 5th St NE

City, State, Zip: Barberton, Ohio 44203

Telephone: 330-649-2525

Website: friendsintents.com

Email: [friendsintents@gmail.com](mailto:friendsintents@gmail.com)

Christina Patterson Voting Board Member/Executive Director/Co-Founder/Director of Boots on the Ground

Signed by: Christina Patterson Date 2/14/2025  
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Meggan Rafferty Board Member/Co-Founder/Treasurer 2/14/2025

Signed by: Meggan Rafferty Date 2/14/2025  
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Allison Martzolf Vice President/Board Member/Administrative Outreach Director

Signed by: Allison Martzolf Date 2/15/2025  
Signature CA304AA45B1541C...

Melissa Johnston Board Member/Director of Sober Friends 2/14/2025

Signed by: Melissa Johnston Date 2/14/2025  
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Michelle Graham Board Member/Director of Fundraising 2/17/2025

Signed by: Michelle Graham Date 2/17/2025  
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Brittany Zachary Board Member/Director of Community Garden 2/17/2025

Signed by: Brittany Zachary Date 2/17/2025  
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Franshire O’Neal Thomas - Board Member/Director of Food Pantry  
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Renita Meyers - Board Member/Director of Boots on the Ground Emergency Response Team  
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Teri Hall - Board Member/Director of Building Operations/Secretary  
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