

**FORM NFP 102.10** (rev. Dec. 2003)  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
 General Not For Profit Corporation Act

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Article 1. Name of Corporation: Rockford Promise

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Article 2. Name and Address of Initial Registered Agent and Registered Office:

Registered Agent Patrick H. Agnew

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Registered Office 129 South Phelps Avenue Suite #801

Number Street Suite No. (P.O. Box alone is unacceptable)  
Rockford IL 61108 Winnebago  
 City ZIP Code County

Article 3. The first Board of Directors shall be 4 in number, their Names and Addresses being as follows:  
 Not less than three

Director Name	Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code
John McHugh	4214 Willows Lane	Rockford	Illinois	61101
Allen Ginsburgh	4212 Willows Lane	Rockford	Illinois	61101
Don Williams	6868 Cummins Drive	Rockford	Illinois	61114
Jan Jones	5320 East Drive	Rockford	Illinois	61111

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Article 4. Purposes for which the corporation is organized:

The Corporation shall at all times be operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and consistent therewith, shall be organized for the purpose of soliciting, accepting and disbursing contributions and bequests from individuals, groups, businesses or foundations to graduates of Rockford School District No. 205 for the purpose of providing scholarships to enable qualified graduates to pursue post-secondary education.

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Article 4. (continued)

Is this corporation a Condominium Association as established under the Condominium Property Act? (check one)  
 Yes  No

Is this corporation a Cooperative Housing Corporation as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954? (check one)  
 Yes  No

Is this corporation a Homeowner's Association, which administers a common-interest community as defined in subsection (c) of Section 9-102 of the Code of Civil Procedure? (check one)  
 Yes  No

Article 5. Other provisions (attach additional pages if needed):

SEE ATTACHED ARTICLE 5 INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE

Article 6. Names & Addresses of Incorporators

The undersigned incorporator(s) hereby declare(s), under penalties of perjury, that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated January 12, 2007  
Month & Day Year

Signatures and Names		Post Office Address		
1.	<u></u> Signature Allen Ginsburgh Name (please print)	1.	<u>4212 Willows Lane</u> Street Rockford Illinois 61101 City/Town State ZIP	
2.	<u></u> Signature Don Williams Name (please print)	2.	<u>6868 Cummins Drive</u> Street Rockford Illinois 61114 City/Town State ZIP	
3.	<u></u> Signature Jan Jones Name (please print)	3.	<u>5320 East Drive</u> Street Rockford Illinois 61111 City/Town State ZIP	
4.	_____ Signature Name (please print)	4.	_____ Street City/Town State ZIP	
5.	_____ Signature Name (please print)	5.	_____ Street City/Town State ZIP	

Signatures must be in BLACK INK on the original document.

Carbon copies, photocopies or rubber stamped signatures may only be used on the duplicate copy.

- If a corporation acts as incorporator, the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation shall be shown and the execution shall be by a duly authorized corporate officer. Please print name and title under the officer's signature.
- The registered agent cannot be the corporation itself.
- The registered agent may be an individual, resident in Illinois, or a domestic or foreign corporation, authorized to act as a registered agent.
- The registered office may be, but need not be, the same as its principal office.
- A corporation that is to function as a club, as defined in Section 1-3.24 of the "Liquor Control Act" of 1934, must insert in its purpose clause a statement that it will comply with the State and local laws and ordinances relating to alcoholic liquors.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
(Attachment)

**ROCKFORD PROMISE**

**Article 5. Other Provisions**

1. **No Private Inurement.** 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 actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes.

2. **Prohibition Against Influence of Legislation.** No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or against any candidate for public office.

3. **Prohibited Activities.** The Corporation shall specifically be prohibited from:

A. **Self-Dealing.** Engaging in any act of self-dealing as defined in Internal Revenue Code §4941(d).

B. **Excess Business Holdings.** Retaining any excess business holdings as defined in Internal Revenue Code §4943(c).

C. **Taxable Investments.** Making any investment in such a manner as to subject it to tax under Internal Revenue Code §4944.

D. **Taxable Expenditures.** Making any taxable expenditure as defined in Internal Revenue Code §4945(d).

E. **Non-Tax Exempt Activities.** The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future United States internal revenue law.



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**F. Non-Charitable Activities.** The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future United States internal revenue law.

**G. No Disqualifying Transactions.** Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, no assets of the Corporation shall be donated, distributed, applied to, paid over or otherwise used or employed in any manner which would disqualify the Corporation from being exempt from taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**4. Power Upon Dissolution.** Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, all of the remaining assets of the Corporation shall be distributed only to one or more organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, scholastic or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine.



## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

JANUARY 29, 2007

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PATRICK H. AGNEW  
129 S PHELPS AVE STE 801  
ROCKFORD, IL 61108

RE ROCKFORD PROMISE

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ABOVE NAMED CORPORATION. THE CORPORATION IS REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT EACH YEAR. BLANK FORMS WILL BE MAILED BY THIS OFFICE TO THE REGISTERED AGENT AS SHOWN BY OUR FILES APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS PRIOR TO ITS ANNIVERSARY MONTH. (ORIGINAL DATE OF INCORPORATION).

THE REQUIRED FEE OF \$50.00 IN THIS CONNECTION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND PLACED TO YOUR CREDIT.

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION IS LOCATED. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR RECORDER OF DEEDS.

CERTAIN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS ORGANIZED AS A CHARITABLE CORPORATION ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. UPON RECEIPT OF THE ENCLOSED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, YOU MUST CONTACT THE CHARITABLE TRUST DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, 100 W. RANDOLPH, 3RD FLOOR, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601 TELEPHONE (312) 814-2595.

THE ISSUANCE OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION DOES NOT ENTITLE THE CORPORATION TO A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION. YOU MUST APPLY FOR THAT EXEMPTION THROUGH THE BOARD OF REVIEW IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE REAL ESTATE IS LOCATED.

THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES IS NO LONGER ISSUING A CERTIFICATE ATTACHED TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2002.

SINCERELY,

JESSE WHITE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES  
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