

**ARTICLES OF MERGER**

**OF**

**NEXT STEP HOUSING**

**with and into**

**COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES FOR SUPPORTIVE ABODES**

The undersigned corporations, each a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of merging Next Step Housing with and into Community Alternatives for Supportive Abodes pursuant to Section 55A-11-04 of the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act (the "Act") hereby certify:

1. The Board of Directors of the undersigned corporations adopted and approved by sufficient vote the Plan of Merger attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the "Plan") in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

2. None of the constituent parties have any members. The Plan was approved by the Board of Directors of each of the constituent parties in the manner required by North Carolina Law.

3. The name of the surviving corporation shall be "Community Alternatives for Supportive Abodes."

4. The merger will not result in any change to the Articles of Incorporation of the surviving corporation.

These Articles of Merger shall be effective as of the date of filing these Articles.

Next Step Housing

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Alternatives for Supportive Abodes

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT A

Next Step Housing Notes Payable:		Amount	Term	Interest	Maturity	Repayment
1st	City of Durham Housing Bond	\$ 470,000	30	0%	5/30/2034	Debt forgiven after 30 years
2nd	NCHFA - SHP Loan	250,000	30	0%	8/11/2034	Payments deferred
3rd	NCHFA - Energy Efficiency Loan	90,000	20	0%	8/11/2024	Debt forgiven at 10%/year beginning 8/11/2014
4th	NC Mental Health Trust Fund	<u>100,000</u>		0%		Debt forgiven if provisions of promissory note are met.
		<u>\$ 910,000</u>				

Deed restrictions:

100% of tenants earn <30% AMI

100% of tenants pay only 30% of income for rent and utilities

100% of tenants are disabled, specifically by mental illness

All utilities are included in monthly rent.