

Heart of Texas Foundation Incorporation Papers



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Date:

June 9, 2020

Person to contact:

Name: Mr. Flammer
ID number: 0203064

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877-829-5500

MICHAEL G MANESS

Dear Sir or Madam:

We're responding to your request of April 6, 2020 about the tax-exempt status of Heart of Texas Foundation Inc.

We issued a determination letter in December, 2006 granting this organization exemption from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

Our records show this organization is not a private foundation within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 509(a) because it's described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions to this organization as provided in Internal Revenue Code Section 170. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to the organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the requirements of IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

If an organization fails to file an annual return or notice for three consecutive years, its tax-exempt status is revoked by operation of law. This is stated in IRC Section 6033(j)(1). The revocation is effective on the filing due date of the third annual return or notice. For more information about filing requirements, you can visit our website at www.irs.gov/eo.

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Letter 4170 (7-2018)
Catalog Number 66631P

Corporations Section
P.O.Box 13697
Austin, Texas 78711-3697



Roger Williams
Secretary of State

Office of the Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF FILING
OF

HEART OF TEXAS FOUNDATION, INC.
File Number: 800598192

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, hereby certifies that a Certificate of Formation for the above named Domestic Nonprofit Corporation has been received in this office and has been found to conform to the applicable provisions of law.

ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, as Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in the secretary by law, hereby issues this certificate evidencing filing effective on the date shown below.

The issuance of this certificate does not authorize the use of a name in this state in violation of the rights of another under the federal Trademark Act of 1946, the Texas trademark law, the Assumed Business or Professional Name Act, or the common law.

Dated: 01/11/2006

Effective: 01/11/2006



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Williams".

Roger Williams
Secretary of State

Form 1023, Page 2, Part IV, Activity Narrative

Heart of Texas Foundation, Inc. (HOTF) is a nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Texas. The corporation will be engaged in the following activity:

Ministry - Benevolence Assistance

- A) The activity being conducted is:** HOTF is a faith-based corporation organized to raise funds and awareness to provide benevolence assistance to at-risk families in underserved communities, initially, in Texas but not limited to this area while ministering the love of Jesus Christ as written in the Holy Bible.
- B) Who conducts the activity:** Volunteers along with HOTF Board of Directors will oversee the solicitation, fundraising, and distribution of public support directly working with and through other nonprofit organizations to help them fulfill their activities, but specifically ensuring that the support of this organization directly benefits those low income families in need of aid. Guest speakers will be invited as well to help promote HOTF activities as may be needed. Grove Norwood, President and founder of this organization, or representative of the Board will visit supported organizations and target communities at least once a year for oversight and accountability. Grove will not be compensated for his services to the organization. In addition, the Board of Directors will review submitted applications from interested participant organizations.
- C) When the activity is conducted:** HOTF will conduct various events in order to raise funds. Events will be implemented throughout the year as needs are identified to support at-risk low income families and/ or individuals. The Board of Directors will exercise discretion as they identify and select suitable recipient individuals and organizations, ensuring that any and all recipients of funds will be qualified 501c3 organization or activities.
- D) Where the activity is conducted:** HOTF will provide benevolence assistance to other nonprofit organizations dedicated to serve impoverished, underserved families and/or individuals around the country. HOTF benevolence assistance will begin in Texas. All HOTF daily operations will be conducted at the President's home. The organization will not operate its own facility.
- E) The activity furthers the following exempt purpose:** By providing basic life needs to the underserved members of the community, HOTF falls under 501c3 code, relief of the poor and underprivileged.
- F) The percentage of time allocated to the activity is: 100.00%**
- G) Related literature to support this activity:** Attached is a very detailed application form that each organization must fill out before assistance is granted.
- H) Additional Information:** HOTF will raise benevolence funds to specifically support other nonprofit organizations and local churches seeking to assist underserved

families and/or individuals in the community. HOTF will assist those in crisis situations by meeting immediate needs such as plumbing, clothing, food, home repairs, etc. Funds will be given directly to the organizations not the individuals. Interested nonprofit organizations and churches will be required to fill out an application and assistance will be provided on a case-by-case basis. All proceeds from the benefit events will support the activities and purposes of HOTF. The organization's efforts, seek to further demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ by ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of those at-risk individual participants. HOTF Board of Directors understands and agrees to comply with the IRS Revenue Rulings 63-252 and 66-79 with regard to the affairs and finances of the organization, specifically fiscal accountability and oversight of all contributed funds spent. The Board of Directors will require reporting of used of funds from recipient organizations to ensure funds are used for exempt purposes. Should an organization misuse donated funds, the organization will be required to repay funds to HOTF and will ineligible for any future assistance. All excess revenue will be held to ensure continued fund growth and financial support for the underserved in the community. Program promotions will be through word or mouth, local churches, and its website once it is fully developed.

The organization incorporated in 2006. However no activities have been conducted since such incorporation. HOTF did not become aware of the need to file for an exempt status until this past year. Once the members were aware that they needed to file Form 1023 and that this indeed had not ever been done, they contracted professional service providers to work with them in completing the necessary documents and submitted the application within just a few months after they came to this realization of the necessary IRS compliance requirements. There has never been any conscious effort to avoid compliance with government requirements. The organization respectfully requests exempt status recognition under 501(c) 3 of the IRS Code retroactive to the date of its incorporation, and will comply with requirements as such in its filing of annual reports.

Form 1023, Page 6, Part VIII, Question 4a, Fundraising plans

No professional fundraising is planned. Primary funding will be sought through grants and individual/corporate sponsorship. The Board of Directors and others interested in supporting the work of the organization will develop and implement direct solicitations and grant requests as interest can be identified. No materials are developed at this time.

BIOGRAPHY

Grove C. Norwood

Born in Jacksonville, TX in 1942; was educated at NC State University (2 years) and East Carolina University (2) years, where he graduated in 1963 with a BS in Education; entered the United States Air Force, and flew jet fighters and other similar aircraft until 1970, when he left the military as a Captain, Regular Air Force. He saw tours of duty in NATO/Germany, and Vietnam, where he flew a few hundred combat missions as a combat Forward Air Controller (FAC). After entering civilian life, he completed a Master's Degree from University of Southern California, and has had experience in working with multi-handicapped children, as both, a psychotherapeutic clinician and a Director of North Carolina's largest school for the multi-handicapped, prior to mainstreaming. He went into business and had a 15 years career with the Prudential Insurance Company of America, leaving that company to enter a small, privately held Publishing Company, and later owning his own technology-based custom Internet developing company, located in Fulshear, Texas. Throughout his careers, in both military and civilian life, he has initiated projects that reached out to those who could not repay, who had no influence, and who had no voice. He currently lives with his wife of 21 years, Melinda Jill Norwood, and their son, Graham, a rising senior in high school.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

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HEART OF TEXAS FOUNDATION INC
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20-4007150
DLN:
17053267312019
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THOMAS E GERITY ID# 31664
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
January 11, 2006
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

December 1, 2009
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Ad: If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas E. Gerity
Exempt Organizations Specialist

Enclosures: Information Request
Form 1023, Page 7, Part VIII

Heart of Texas Foundation, Inc.
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December 7, 2009

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Internal Revenue Service
Exempt Organizations
PO Box 2508
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Attn: Thomas E. Gerity
Room 4-522
Group 7827

Internal Revenue Service
Cincinnati, OH

Dear Mr. Gerity:

The following information is provided in response to your letter of inquiry dated December 1, 2009 regarding Form 1023 Application for Exemption for **Heart of Texas Foundation, Inc.** EIN:20-4007150.

1. Please see below.
2. This was an error on page 7. We are not making grants, loans or other distributions to foreign organizations. Please see revised page 7.
3. The "Project Tradesmen" are simply those carpenters, septic tank installers, electricians, and other such trades that the Foundation will contract with in order to complete a project for a needy family we identify to serve. Here is the list of anticipated types of Trades for the near future:

Electrician
Septic Tank Installer
Carpenter
Plumber
Cabinet installer
Air conditioning repair

There are no relationships between this organization or its directors and any tradesperson which may be contracted to perform services.

4. Per the narrative, we have no plans to attain a facility. "HOTF will provide benevolence assistance to other nonprofit organizations dedicated to serve impoverished, underserved families and/or individuals around the country. HOTF benevolence assistance will begin in Texas. The organization will not operate its own facility."
5. Thank you.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for information, and such facts are true, correct, and complete.

Thank you for your assistance in processing this application. If you need anything further, you may contact my Authorized Appointee at (615) 361-9445.

Sincerely,

Grove Norwood

Grove Norwood
President

Enclosures:
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Thank you!

Heart of Texas Foundation, Inc.
Calendar for 2009
of Benevolent Services to be Provided

- Complete the Carolina Cruz project, July, 2009
- Complete the Earl Henry Project, August, 2009
- Complete the web site, under construction,
www.HeartofTexasFoundation.org. October, 2009

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