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[, 2023]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and ^{Preamble} Tobago, a non-profit organisation known as the St. Dominic's Children's Home, formerly known as the Belmont Orphanage:

And whereas the St. Dominic's Children's Home was established to provide residential care for children and youth at risk and to promote, through a continuum of

care, permanency and holistic development for children who are socially displaced:

And whereas it is expedient that the St. Dominic's Children's Home be incorporated:

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the St. Dominic's Children's Home (Incorporation) Act, 2023.
Incorporation	2. The St. Dominic's Children's Home is hereby created a body corporate.
Interpretation	3. In this Act— “Board” means the Board established under section 4; and “Home” means the St. Dominic's Children's Home.
Establishment and composition of the Board	4. (1) The business and affairs of the Home shall be directed by a Board, consisting of a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve members. (2) The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Port of Spain shall appoint the members of the Board and shall appoint one of their number to be its Chairman and another member to be its Deputy Chairman.
Aims and objects	5. The aims and objects of the Home are to provide preventative, remedial and development services to children and youth at risk, childcare workers and members of the family system through— (a) residential childcare services to children and youth at risk; (b) collaborative multi-disciplinary and multi-agency partnerships with governmental and non-governmental organisations and groups; (c) family preservation services, parental skills training and support;

- (d) wraparound services for children and youth at risk;
- (e) family restoration services including out-of-home care and case management;
- (f) community building services including camps and retreats for children and youth at risk; and
- (g) public education and training for service groups and childcare workers.

6. The Home shall have the power to—

Powers of the Home

- (a) acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) accept surrenders or reconveyances and enter into contracts;
- (c) sell, exchange, demise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title;
- (d) employ persons to organise, supervise and carry on the work of the Home;
- (e) make regulations for the use of any of its premises;
- (f) regulate its own procedures and business;
- (g) procure contributions to the Home and take any gift or money or other property from donors whether in Trinidad and Tobago or overseas and whether subject to any special trusts or not, for any one or more of the aims and objects of the Home;

- (h) invest or apply the money of the Home not immediately required for carrying out its aims and objects in such investments, securities or property as the Board thinks fit; and
- (i) do all things necessary or expedient for—
 - (i) the due conduct of the affairs of the Home;
 - (ii) the attainment of the aims and objects of the Home; and
 - (iii) carrying into effect this Act.

Transfer and vesting
of property

7. All real or personal property now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Home is hereby transferred to and vested in the Home.

Mode of execution of
documents

8. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a document requiring the seal of the Home shall be sealed with the common seal of the Home in the presence of the Chairman and Secretary.

(2) In the event of incapacity or absence from the territory of either the Chairman or Secretary, the common seal shall be affixed in the presence of some other person authorised for that purpose by the Board who shall sign every document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Home.

Service of documents

9. (1) The Home shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Home and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Every document to be served on the Home may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the Home.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Home liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction thereof.

10. The Board may from time to time make rules for ^{Power to make rules} the proper conduct of its proceedings and the discharge of the duties, powers and functions of the Home and such rules may be amended or revoked.

11. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to ^{Saving of State and other rights} affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the Senate this day of ,
2023.

Clerk of the Senate (Acting)

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this day
of , 2023.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

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