

# PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

Pooled Trust I

(Self-Settled Monthly Spend Down Trust)

## MASTER POOLED TRUST AGREEMENT

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This **Master Pooled Trust Agreement**, is made as of 4<sup>th</sup> 29, 2016 by and among Life Family Center, Inc. a not-for-profit corporation having its principal place of business at 1001 Hazel Place, NY 11598 ("Settlor"), and, Life Family Center, Inc., as Trustee of the Trust ("Trustee").

**WHEREAS**, Life Family Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation, and

**WHEREAS**, Life Family Center, Inc., as Settlor, is establishing this Pooled Trust to be known as the PROTECT YOUR FAMILY POOLED TRUST I (the "Trust"), for the purpose of establishing a trust to be used by people with disabilities (as hereinafter defined) for the purposes of providing the trust services set forth herein,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties to this Trust Agreement hereby agree and establish the following:

### **Article I      Trust Establishment, Purpose and Disposition.**

- 1.1 Name of Trust. The name of the Trust shall be the PROTECT YOUR FAMILY POOLED TRUST I, a trust created pursuant to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 ("OBRA 1993"). Pursuant to OBRA 1993, persons with disabilities (as defined pursuant to Social Security Law §1614(a)(3) [42 USC 1382(a)(3)]) shall be able to put assets in a pooled supplemental needs trust so long as said trust is established and managed by not-for-profit institutions. LIFE is a recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable corporation.
- 1.2 Establishment of Trust. This Trust is established under all applicable federal, state and local laws including 42 USC 1396p(d)(4)(c), New York Social Services Law Section 366(2)(b)(2) and 18 NYCRR 360-4.5, any and all other applicable laws. Trustee shall be required to provide all applicable governmental agencies the notices required pursuant to applicable laws.
- 1.3 Trustee. Life Family Center, Inc. shall be the Trustee pursuant to this Agreement, hereafter referred to as the "Trustee".

1.4 Irrevocable Trust. (a) The parties hereby agree and understand that this Trust is an irrevocable trust and upon its creation, any funds put into the Trust by Beneficiary (as hereinafter defined) or a person acting on behalf of a Beneficiary shall remain part of the Trust and cannot be returned to Beneficiary for any reason.

(b) No money or other Trust property in the Trust shall be encumbered in any way by Beneficiary, or any person acting on Beneficiary's behalf. Neither Beneficiary, nor any person acting on or behalf of Beneficiary, shall have the right to pledge, encumber, sell, borrow against, loan, assign, transfer or charge against any Trust property. Beneficiary and any person legally acting on Beneficiary's behalf, hereby indemnify and holds Trustee and Settlor harmless against any and all claims, costs and expenses arising due to a violation of this Section 1.4(b).

1.5 Creation and Funding a Sub-Account. (a) Creation. A "subaccount" in the master trust shall be created and maintained for each person who enters the Trust. Such account may be established by the Beneficiary or the parent or guardian of the Beneficiary, using Beneficiary's own funds.

(b) Funding. Each Beneficiary (hereinafter defined) who joins the Trust shall have a "subaccount" within the Trust for such Beneficiary's Trust property. The funding of the Beneficiary's "subaccount" may come from the Beneficiary itself or from other persons as set forth in Section 1.6(a), above. A Beneficiary shall join the Trust only upon the execution and delivery of a separate Trust Joinder Agreement between the Settlor and Beneficiary, and/or the Beneficiary's parent or legal guardian. The Trust Joinder Agreement shall establish the Beneficiary as a participant in the Trust. The minimum amount of the funding of an account shall be based upon the requirements of the Trustee at the time of the establishment of the Trust account. Trustee shall have the right to change the amount required for minimum amounts in the trust.

(c) Property. The sums of cash, securities and/or property irrevocably transferred to the Trust to be held by the Trust for the purposes set forth in this Agreement shall be the trust property. Beneficiary or Beneficiary's legal representative has the right to add additional trust property to the Trust "subaccount" at any time, subject to review and acceptance by the Trustee. Upon acceptance, the additional property becomes part of the trust property. In the event Trustee does not accept such property as part of the trust property, Trustee shall advice grantor in writing of such refusal.

(d) Contribution. Each Beneficiary or Beneficiary's legal representative shall designate a specific account to which he or she is contributing to. In the event that no such specific designation is made, the Trustee shall reasonably determine which account the contribution shall be made to.

1.6 Purpose. (a) The Trust is established for the sole benefit of the Beneficiary. The Beneficiary has a disability as such term is defined in sec. 1614(a)(3) of the Federal Social Security Act. The support services provided for by governmental programs may be leaving gaps in Beneficiary's standard of care. This Trust is intended to supplement the governmental services and supports and to provide for the Beneficiary's need, wants, care, education, training, rehabilitation and comfort, as well as any other expenditures allowable by applicable laws. Accordingly, any funds or contributions by Beneficiary or any third party shall be protected funds under this supplemental needs trust. The purpose of the Trust shall be to provide for the efficient management and distribution of the trust estates of people with disabilities, as defined in the Social Security Law - Section 1614(a)(3) ("Disabled Persons"). Disabled Persons who have entered into the Trust ("Beneficiaries") and established sub-trust accounts within the Trust (as required by law) shall be entitled to the benefits of such management and distribution. Beneficiaries shall be able to receive extra benefits for care, comfort and support above and beyond any benefits the Beneficiary receives from governmental programs or services. The needs of the Beneficiaries are the sole purpose of this Trust.

(b) The parties hereby agree and understand that Beneficiary may be part of a "family unit". Any contribution of Trust Assets for purchases intended to benefit both Beneficiary and other members of the family unit, shall be apportioned and pro rated to that portion applicable to Beneficiary alone. Trustee shall use its sole discretion to determine whether or not such benefits are direct or indirect and shall act with such discretion accordingly. The foregoing provision shall be exercised by Trustee in full compliance with all applicable laws. In the event that such provisions shall cause a loss or lapse of any governmental benefits to Beneficiary, the provision shall automatically be deemed to be null and void.

1.7 Remainder Funds in Sub-Account. (a) Upon the death of a Beneficiary, any remaining funds (after the payment of any authorized and otherwise unpaid for estate administration fees and expenses) in the sub-account shall be retained by the Trust to be used for furthering the Trust's purpose. Such purposes shall include, but shall not be limited to, (i) providing other Beneficiaries who are disabled pursuant to the Social Security Law with direct benefits in the event that such other Beneficiaries do not have enough funds in their own sub-accounts to cover their benefits, (ii) using

such remaining amounts to pay for the administrative costs and expenses of the Trust, or (iii) using such amounts to provide indirect assistance to, and advocacy for, individuals with disabilities or for educating the community on people with special needs disabilities. Trustee may also pay out of the trust property any federal, state or local taxes which are due to any applicable governmental authority as a result of the Trust.

(b) If the Trust does not use such remaining amounts for the purposes set forth in Section (a), above, then any remaining amounts shall be used to repay the State of New York for any unpaid medical assistance amount owed by Beneficiary to the State (See 42 USCS, Section 1396p).

## **Article II     The Beneficiary.**

- 2.1 A person may be a Beneficiary under this Trust so long as such person is a Disabled Person, as defined above.
- 2.2 A person shall become a "Beneficiary" under the trust upon (i) the full execution and delivery of the Sub-Trust Joinder Agreement by Settlor and Beneficiary (or a person with legal authority to execute same on Beneficiary's behalf and (ii) approval of same by the Trustee. The Sub-Trust Joinder Agreement incorporates all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement into such Sub-Trust Joinder Agreement by reference. A party entering into and executing the Sub-Trust Joinder Agreement shall have first read and agreed to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Trust Joinder Agreement shall establish the Beneficiary of the Sub-Trust.

## **Article III     Disposition of Trust Funds.**

- 3.1 (a) Each Sub-Account shall be held by trustee for the sole benefit of the Beneficiary. The trust property shall not be used for any other purposes during the life of the Beneficiary. No remaindermen have an interest in such trust property until the death of the Beneficiary. The interests of any remaindermen shall be subordinate to the Beneficiary during Beneficiary's lifetime.  
  
(b) Trustee shall, at trustee's sole and absolute discretion, distribute all Trust income, principal and proceeds for the benefit of the Beneficiary, as so permitted

by law and by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The trust property income and principal of the Trust shall be used to provide goods and services which shall supplement and enhance the quality of life of the Beneficiary. Such distributions shall supplement, but not replace, impair or diminish Beneficiary's eligibility of any applicable federal, state or local benefits which Beneficiary receives. Such distributions shall be made in accordance with any and all applicable laws. Trustee shall make disbursements from the Trust for the Beneficiary's benefit based upon the need of each individual Beneficiary and the total amount of resources available to Trustee to make such disbursements.

(c) Trustee shall not use the powers set forth in this Agreement, nor make payments or distributions, which will diminish, impair, terminate or revoke the benefits which Beneficiary receives from any applicable federal, state or local source.

(d) Anything in Section 3.1 of this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, Trustee, in its sole discretion, may make distributions for needs that may or will directly impair Beneficiary's ability to receive governmental (or other) supports and services if and only if it is determined using reasonable discretion that Beneficiary requires such distributions to be made and such distributions are in the best interest of the Beneficiary, despite the negative consequences because (i) Beneficiary is not receiving his or her basic needs or (ii) it is in Beneficiary's best interests to suffer a loss of such governmental supports or services. In the event that the existence of Section 3.1(b)(ii) will lead Beneficiary to automatically lose their benefits, then Section 3.1(b)(ii) shall automatically be deemed to be null and void and Trustee shall no longer have the authority to make such distributions described herein. Such distributions shall include, but shall not be limited to, educational, care, food, clothing, living, health or personal care needs.

- 3.2 It is the intent of the parties and the intent of the Trust that Section 7-1.6 of the New York Estate Powers and Trusts Law ("EPTL") shall not apply to this Trust or to this Agreement.
- 3.3 In the event that Beneficiary is no longer a resident of New York State, Trustee shall have authority to suspend all of its distributions until such time as a new distribution source is established on Beneficiary's behalf.

#### **Article IV    Trust Administration.**

- 4.1 Trustee may at any time appoint a financial institution as co-trustee, as Trustee sees fit.
- 4.2 Powers of the Trustee. (a) Trustee shall hold each account for the benefit of the Beneficiary during Beneficiary's lifetime. Trustee shall, at its sole discretion, have the full power and authority to:
- (i) Retain any income of the trust estate, so long as such retention appears advisable and to retain such items received without liability for any loss that may be incurred thereby, and without regard to the proportion that any one asset or class of assets may bear to the whole.
  - (ii) Sell, exchange, lease, assign, transfer and convey any income or property, real or personal held in the Trust estate, at public or private sale, at such time and price and upon such terms and conditions (including credit) as the Trustee may determine.
  - (iii) To determine the manner of ascertainment of income and principal (including gross income and net income), the apportionment between income and principal of all receipts and disbursements; and to select an annual accounting period. Without limiting the discretion granted in respect to other administrative powers, the discretion intended by this paragraph may be exercised without regard as to whether there is any doubt or uncertainty under general law as to the proper classification of a particular receipt or disbursement, so long as it is exercised to effectuate the Settlor's intention that due and impartial consideration be given to the interests of those entitled to income as well as those entitled to principal.
  - (iv) To take any action with respect to conserving or realizing upon the value of any estate property.
  - (v) To employ and compensate accountants, attorneys, and such agents as Trustee may deem advisable, with or without discretionary power, to pay reasonable compensation for their services and to charge same to (or apportion same between) income and principal of each sub-account (proportionally) as it may deem proper. To reimburse Life Family Center, Inc., its Agents and assigns, or any other advocacy or service group for its expenses and costs incurred in providing services on behalf of the Beneficiary.
  - (vi) To commence or defend any legal actions for the trust or any Beneficiary as Trustee deems advisable.

(vii) To invest any trust property as Trustee deems appropriate and proper.

(b) The powers set forth in Section 4.2(a) are in addition to the powers and authorities that are granted in other sections of this Agreement and that are conferred upon the Trustee by law or the EPTL and may be exercised without the prior leave or subsequent confirmation of any court from the date this agreement is executed until the final distribution of the assets of each trust created by this Agreement.

4.3 Account Pooling. Trustee may pool, jointly manage or co-mingle trust property of all of the Beneficiaries of the Trust for the purposes of investment of the assets of the accounts. Each account shall then be entitled to its pro-rata share of any net income of such asset investment. Net income is the amount of any income and profits generated by the investment of the trust property, less any and all losses, costs and expenses attributed to the administration of the Trust.

4.4 Life Family Center, Inc. Board of Managers. Life Family Center, Inc. shall have a special board of managers established for the express purpose of managing the Trust as both Settler and Trustee.

4.5 Delegation of Duties. Trustee may delegate authority or duties to one or more agents of Trustee for the purposes of administration of the Trust. Such delegation may include record keeping, accounting, asset investment of distribution, selection of investment opportunities and administrative duties. Such delegation may include the hiring of a trust custodian (authorized by the State of New York to be a trust custodian); however nothing herein shall be read so as to require the hiring of a corporate custodian.

4.6 Successor Trustees. (a) In the event that any Trustee hereunder resigns or is terminated by Settler, a replacement of the Trustee, shall be established by Life Family Center, Inc..

(b) Any successor trustee shall have all of the rights and powers set forth herein for such trustee (whether as Lead Trustee or Co-Trustee, in the event a co-trustee is ever established. Successor Trustees shall immediately have power as trustees as though they were initially made trustees pursuant to this Agreement.



**Article V     Trust Accounting.**

- 5.1     The Trust accounting period shall be on a calendar year.
- 5.2     Trustee shall maintain accurate records for each sub-account established under the Trust. Trustee shall send monthly or quarterly statements, as it deems proper, as well as an end of the year statement for the previous Trust year.
- 5.3     Trustee shall comply with all applicable accounting laws with jurisdiction over the Sub-Accounts.

**Article VI     Fees and Expenses.**

- 6.1     Each Beneficiary shall pay an initial fee to join the Trust and establish a sub-account within the Trust. Beneficiaries shall also be responsible for such other fees and expenses which exist or which may in the future be established by Trustee in its discretion. All of the fees set forth hereunder shall be in accordance with Protect Your Family's published fee schedule, subject to change from time to time. Trustee may waive statutory commissions and fees and instead charge reasonable fees and expenses as set forth herein.

**Article VII    Waiver of Liability/Indemnification.**

- 7.1     Trustee and any of its employees, directors or other parties associated with Trustee shall be fully indemnified and held harmless and shall be deemed not liable for any claim, losses, actions, suits, liability, proceedings, penalty, loss, fees, costs or expenses (including reasonable attorney fees and expenses) arising out of any error or omission, negligence or misconduct on the part of Trustee acting in its capacity as Trustee whether or not such person was serving at such time in the role of trustee of the incurring of such loss, claim, suit, liability, fee, cost or expense. The foregoing shall not apply to any instances of intentional misconduct or fraud on the part of Trustee.
- 7.2     Trustee shall be fully indemnified and shall be presumed to have acted in good faith upon Trustee's reliance on any document, instrument or certificate which Trustee in its reasonable discretion believed to be genuine. Barring gross negligence or fraud, Trustee's acceptance of any such documents shall be conclusive evidence that same is in fact legal and genuine.
- 7.3     Trustee may in good faith rely upon the correctness of any document or certificate which Trustee believes to be genuine and which appears to be properly executed

by the correct party without the need for investigation into such correctness. Trustee may accept such documents as proof of the accuracy of the information contained therein.

## **Article VIII Miscellaneous**

- 8.1 Governing Laws. This Trust shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. All accounting and administrative services shall be done in Nassau County, New York, the corporate home of Life Family Center, Inc, and Protect Your Family. Federal law may also be applicable in the event of a conflict of laws.
- 8.2 Invalidity of Provisions. Should any provision of this Agreement be deemed illegal, invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and fully enforceable thereunder.
- 8.3. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts all of which, when taken together, shall constitute a fully executed agreement.
- 8.4 Severability. A determination that any provision of this Trust Agreement is prohibited by law shall be effective in respect to that provision only, and shall not invalidate the remaining provisions this instrument. In the event of such a determination, such provision shall be reformed to comply with applicable law to the extent possible and consistent with the intent and purpose of this Trust Agreement.
- 8.5 Notices. Wherever in this Agreement it shall be required or permitted that Notice or demand be given or served by any party to this Agreement to or on the other, such Notice or demand shall not be deemed to have been duly given or served unless in writing and either personally delivered or sent by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, postage prepaid, and addressed to the party at the address set forth in the opening paragraph. Such addresses may be changed from time to time by any party, by serving Notice as stated above. Notices shall be deemed effective upon actual receipt or refusal of delivery.

## **Article IX – Insurance/Bond**

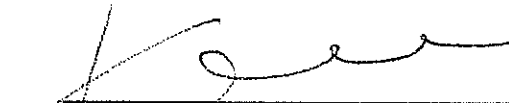
- 9.1 Trustee may, at its option, obtain a bond or such other insurance to cover claims arising from services as Trustee hereunder. A pro-rata portion of the premiums for such insurance shall be charged to the Sub-Trust accounts. Trustee is further authorized to purchase any bond as may be required by any applicable law or any court of competent jurisdiction.

## **Article X – Waiver of Conflict of Interest**

- 10.1 Waiver of Any Conflict of Interest. Beneficiary, or any person legally executing a Sub-Trust Joinder Agreement on behalf of Beneficiary, hereby and thereby acknowledges a potential conflict of interest in the Trust administration since, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, any remaining funds in the Beneficiary's sub-account shall remain with the Trust to be used as herein set forth. By executing and delivering a Sub-Trust Agreement to Trustee, Beneficiary or any party claiming through Beneficiary, hereby and thereby waives any and all claims against the Settler, Trust or any Trustee for self-dealing or conflicts of interest arising out of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

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COUNTY OF Nassau )

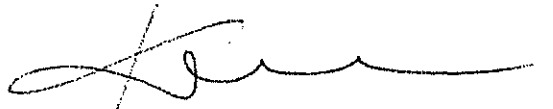
On the 13 day of June in the year 2019 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and said State, personally appeared Abraham Leticia personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

  
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Notary Public

KAREN L. ORENSTEIN  
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK  
No. 02OR6320170  
Qualified in Nassau County  
Commission Expires March 02, 2023

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
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 ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF Nassau )


On the 13 day of June in the year 2019 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and said State, personally appeared Sam Rausman personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

  
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Notary Public


KAREN L. ORENSTEIN  
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK  
No. 02OR6320170  
Qualified in Nassau County  
My Commission Expires March 02, 2023

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereby sign this Agreement as of the date first hereinabove written.

LIFE FAMILY CENTER, INC., Settler

BY:   
Name: Abraham Lefkowitz  
Title: Trustee

LIFE FAMILY CENTER, INC., Trustee

BY:   
Name: SAM RAUSMAN  
Title: Trustee