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C A P S T O N E H O U S E , I N C .
A Futuristic Learning Center

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MISSION STATEMENT

SUMMARY

Capstone House, Inc. invites people of all walks of life, all religions, all ethnic groups, and all economic brackets, to share knowledge and experiences in various interest groups including philosophical, metaphysical, anomalous-space-energy phenomena, health-nutrition-longevity, environmental-ecological, and other knowledge, old and new. Group activities and methods include: classes, lectures, discussions, demonstrations, workshops with attendee participation, and occasional field trips. The primary aim is the same, to enable each and everyone to explore, to grow, to develop and expand minds and consciousness; to aspire, to reach for that pinnacle of the human spirit symbolized by the glowing capstone of the pyramid logo.

HISTORY

Capstone House was named and founded in October, 1989, by a small group of explorers in the Panama City, Florida area who were seeking to raise consciousness and expand the mind. On December 5, 1990 it was established as a non-profit corporation (N41155), under the laws of the State of Florida. On November 28, 1994, Capstone House, Inc., was recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an educational and scientific organization, and granted exemption from the Federal income tax with eligibility to receive support from tax exempt donations, gifts, bequests, etc. within the meaning, and as described in the IRS code section 501(c)(3).

Capstone House, Inc. has a strong association with community affairs which resulted in becoming a member of several community service organizations including non-profit membership in the Bay County Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast Community College Foundation, Bay County Mental Health Association and the Bay Arts Alliance.

For many years meetings were held in community meeting rooms such as in the Panama City and Lynn Haven libraries, and Gulf Coast Community College conference rooms. Capstone House, Inc. now has its own property, a building including a small auditorium, three offices, and a spacious room for the library of several thousand books.

Capstone House, Inc. is managed, supported, and operated by dedicated volunteers without the assistance of paid employees. Expenses are paid by voluntary, generous donations. However because of our recent growth and increased community service we need substantial assistance. We welcome your tax deductible contributions or other bequests.

PURPOSE

The Capstone House, Inc. purpose is the study, research, development and dissemination of philosophical, metaphysical, psychological, psychic, ecological, and other newly developing scientific and metaphysical knowledge affecting life everywhere. These studies are related to all areas of knowledge including mind-body-spirit and consciousness. We seek to apply this knowledge to advance human potential and serve community needs through educational activities open to the public. An important aspect as a community service organization is to make available information and knowledge not readily found in traditional public educational systems. The Capstone House governing board and advisors includes professors, scientists, teachers, medical doctors, investors, and other experts in their specialties.

INDEPENDENCE

Capstone House, Inc. is an independent institution. It is not a political or religious organization. It is not connected or affiliated with any other entity or organization and it does not subscribe to, teach or endorse any belief system. Membership and meetings are open to the public.

AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

SCOPE

Capstone House, Inc. is dedicated to studies, research and education in the areas of interest of its members and the general public, and has developed programs and workshops for their exploration, including metaphysical and frontier knowledge using both academic and other sources of information. The governing board and advisors includes professors, scientists, teachers, medical doctors, and other experts in their specialties.

People attending Capstone House, Inc. programs and meetings are interested in continuing to learn from the frontiers of science, psychology and philosophy to metaphysics and cosmology, thus expanding their minds and consciousness to new levels of awareness. These interests include nutrition, health and longevity, environment and ecology, space exploration, anomalous phenomena and extraterrestrial life, consciousness studies, meditation, psychic exploration, and other knowledge old and new. Many of these topics are the subjects of our several monthly group meetings.

INSTITUTE OF HIGHER LEARNING

The Capstone House, Inc. Institute of Higher Learning provides a variety of classes, short courses, seminars, study groups and workshops on topics of interest to our members and the public. Meetings may include discussions, lectures, demonstrations and training. These courses are led by experts in their field of study. Occasionally programs have continuing education credits (CEUs) provided for some licensed professions.

LIBRARY

The Capstone Center includes a resource library for the use of members which includes a reference section, and several thousands of books, and periodicals, as well as a large audio and video collection. All are catalogued and available for check-out by members.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Through the years, Capstone House, Inc. has flourished and now has at least seven regularly scheduled monthly meetings as well as occasional special events. One yearly special event is the anniversary meeting, in the fall, at which one or more national or regional leaders in their specialty are brought to Panama City for presentations. In addition, special called conferences or symposiums are held throughout the year. All Capstone House meetings are open to the public, without regard to membership.

PUBLICATIONS

We make available for distribution, articles, essays, research papers and monographs prepared by our members.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We periodically provide annual scholarships for one or more undesignated students to Gulf Coast Community College.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

We maintain a speakers bureau available to civic clubs and other community organizations.

CONFERENCES

We organize lectures, seminars, sponsor large conferences, and conduct special interest discussion groups for members and the public.

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

A popular monthly newsletter is published which is sent to our members and other interested individuals. It contains many items of interest including the monthly calendar of workshops, meetings, topics and locations. Descriptions of upcoming topics are given as well as book reports, conference summaries, and articles or essays by our own members or others. The internet Web Site gives much of the same information: <http://capstonehouse.org>.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Occasionally during the year special public meetings are held at Gulf Coast Community College (GCCC), including the Capstone House, Inc. Annual Anniversary Conference. For these meetings, Capstone sponsors nationally prominent speakers to address our members and the public on subjects of vital interest. At these meetings, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are frequently available to some professionals. We also periodically contribute to the GCCC Foundation for the provision of scholarships to assist worthy students.

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organizations including non-profit membership in the Bay County Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast Community College Foundation, Bay County Mental Health Association and the Bay Arts Alliance.

FACILITIES

The Capstone House Center is located in the attractive St. Andrews section of Panama City, at 1713 Beck Avenue. The Center consists of an excellent auditorium, three administrative offices including computer, printing and publishing facilities, and a large library including a classroom or conference area.

AS A RESEARCH INSTITUTION

PROJECTS

We sponsor studies, seminars and research in the subjects of philosophy, metaphysics, ethics, cosmology and epistemology, psychology and parapsychology, physics and parapsysics, new science, new energy sources, mind-body-spirit relations, new theories of consciousness, planetary and extra-terrestrial life studies, and explorations of the farthest reaches of human potential.

DOCUMENTATION

We provide for publication of articles, research papers and monographs by our members, on these and other studies, for easy access by a larger public audience.

AS A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIP

Capstone House, Inc. can be characterized as an "umbrella" organization of members wanting to continue learning and acquiring new knowledge about themselves, about others, and about the universe in which we all live. There are not any requirements for membership other than a contribution of \$15 a year or more.

INTERESTS

Because of the dynamic and all inclusive nature of Capstone House, Inc. it is an association of people from all walks of life that share common interests from the very practical such as ecology, nutrition, health and longevity, to space travel and anomalous phenomena, to the philosophical such as metaphysics and the psychic realm. The most prominent characteristic of members, is a desire to continue learning, regardless of age, and tolerance tempered with open minded skepticism to new ideas. They evaluate new information for themselves, unencumbered by any authoritarian belief system. Thus each member participates as a unique individual, replacing or rebuilding that still incomplete Capstone which crowns all lives and represents that higher achievement mentally, psychically and spiritually.

OPPORTUNITIES

We provide our membership with opportunities to share personal knowledge and relate their experiences to the growing body of knowledge

provided by scientific, scholarly research, blended with intuitive, esoteric studies both ancient and modern.

BENEFITS

Our members receive regular Capstone House Newsletters, receive information on new books and publications and are invited to take part in discussions and in our various study groups and seminars. Through these various means, members are encouraged to develop their own insights and climb to the Capstone or maximum achievement of their life goals, thus inspiring them, their families and their communities to greater insight, compassion and understanding of all creation.

REFERRAL AND INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE

One of Capstone House's functions which has grown spontaneously is that of providing information to members and inquirers on a variety of subjects and referral to local, national or international organizations or speakers.

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS

Capstone House, Inc. is tax-exempt under the IRS 501(c)(3) provisions. Donations, gifts and bequests to Capstone House are tax-deductible within limits of the laws. Donations in kind, articles of property, equipment, furniture, etc. are acknowledged with a receipt. Persons wishing to donate or bequeath real property, land, trusts, etc., may wish to consult with Capstone House officers (the president and the treasurer). In some cases, professional expertise may be helpful.

CO-FOUNDER'S AND CHARTER MEMBERS

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