



Al-Anon Family Groups
Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics



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**Please read at a minimum of two successive meetings
so that all members may have an opportunity to
participate in the Seventh Tradition**

**Quarterly Appeal Letter
To Individual Members in Your Group**

August 2023

Greetings, fellow Al-Anon and Alateen members,

The Seventh International Convention was held from June 29 to July 2 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We hope you were able to join us either in person or virtually and found “New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery!”

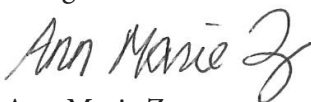
A very exciting part of our Seventh International Convention was the introduction of our new daily reader, *A Little Time for Myself* (B-34). On page 241, it asks, “In what ways does giving back to the Al-Anon program help me thrive rather than just survive?” This question reminds me of our Al-Anon Declaration, “Let it Begin with Me.” That is the purpose of this quarterly appeal letter: to ask each of you, the individual Al-Anon/Alateen member, to make a direct contribution to your World Service Office (WSO). You can see on the back of this letter everything that the WSO is doing to help Al-Anon thrive and be available for anyone, anywhere reaching out for help. Two examples in this letter of how your contributions support the fellowship include putting on an International Convention and developing the new daily reader.

There are many ways that you can make your individual contribution:

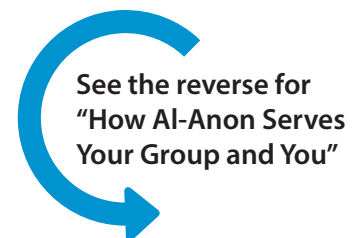
- Read this letter at two successive meetings and pass around the enclosed envelope to collect contributions from the members of your group.
- Send an individual check or money order made out to AFG, Inc. and noting for “Appeal”, and mail it to the address on the bottom of this letter.
- Go to the *Mobile App* and click on the Contributions tab.
- Go to our website at al-anon.org and click on “Make a Contribution” at the top of the page. You can make a one-time online contribution by credit card or PayPal or set up a recurring monthly contribution.

We thank you in advance for giving back to the Al-Anon program.

In gratitude,



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Contributions to Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. or Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters (Canada) Inc. may qualify as a charitable deduction, but the WSO makes no judgment as to the specific deductibility of a contribution by any member.

The last annual financial report, filed with the New York State Department, may be inspected at State of New York, Office of the Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271; upon written request to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Consumer Protection, Office of Consumer Affairs, PO Box 1163, Richmond, Virginia 23218; or at al-anon.org/members.

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How Al-Anon Serves Your Group and You

Members	Recovery & Service Tools	Awareness	Financial Sustainability	Global Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers the toll-free meeting line in English, Spanish, and French • Supports all registered Al-Anon Family Groups by answering questions; maintaining group, meeting, and trusted servant records; sending complimentary CAL and other service materials; and providing registration dates • Builds and maintains the <i>Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App</i> • Performs thorough research and responds to members' questions regarding CAL and <i>The Forum</i> • Supports Inmate Correspondence Service • Supports Alateen groups and encourages Al-Anon members to serve through their Area process • Supports Al-Anon Information Service Centers (AISCs) • Maintains the Al-Anon Family Groups archives and manages historical document repository • Coordinates the Al-Anon Convention with A.A. participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collects member sharings, edits, translates, designs, and publishes CAL • Prepares, edits, designs, and distributes <i>The Forum</i> • Translates, designs, and distributes <i>Le lien</i> and <i>Al-Anon y Alateen en acción</i> magazines • Develops service tools to educate the membership on the structure • Consolidates and maintains public outreach tools and service materials • Edits, designs, and distributes <i>Alateen Talk</i> quarterly newsletter • Builds, designs, translates, and distributes <i>In The Loop</i> • Facilitates, coordinates, and publishes revisions to the <i>Service Manual</i> • Builds and translates <i>Mobile App</i> premium content • Processes requests to translate CAL and coordinates reviews of translations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepares, designs, translates, and distributes <i>Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA)</i> magazine • Develops service-wide PO campaigns, including public service announcements (PSAs), and collaborates with media • Shares the Al-Anon message with professionals, including providing complimentary materials and attending professional conferences • Supports and encourages Areas, members, Al-Anon service arms, and service entities in public outreach efforts • Creates content for and manages blogs, podcasts, and social media pages • Builds, translates, and actively maintains the website, including international and WSC Structure meeting searches • Conducts internal research and collaborates with researchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages AFG, Inc. financial matters and operations • Receives and processes member contributions • Manages inventory, processes, and distributes literature orders for members, groups, and Literature Distribution Centers (LDCs) • Receives and processes magazine and premium content subscriptions • Grants permissions and processes reprint permissions for WSC Structure and the international community • Maintains and defends copyrights and trademarks • Oversees Staff implementation of the Strategic Plan • Recruits, grows, and retains WSO Staff to support our primary purpose • Maintains AFG Connects and the Online Store • Evaluates emerging technologies to determine benefits for AFG, Inc. and the fellowship • Prepares and translates an Annual Report of WSO activities and projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides leadership and support to trusted servants including Delegates, Area Chairpersons, District Representatives, and Coordinators • Coordinates the World Service Conference (WSC) and produces the <i>WSC Summary</i> • Provides leadership and support for trusted servants globally across national and evolving international structures • Coordinates the International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) and produces the summary • Supports Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Services (AMIAS) and facilitates the annual Alateen recertification process • Coordinates Staff and World Service Office (WSO) Volunteer participation in international and Area events • Facilitates the WSO Volunteer application process to ensure consistency in candidate selection • Supports WSO Volunteers on committees and in executing oversight responsibilities