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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**

February 2024

Greetings fellow Al-Anon and Alateen members,

The 2024 World Service Conference Theme is “Our Path toward Grace, Unity, and Understanding,” “Nuestro camino hacia la gracia, la unidad y la comprensión,” “Notre cheminement vers la grâce, l’unité et la compréhension”

“The unity and support of Al-Anon is unlike anything else I have ever found. I am so grateful for the hope, courage, direction, and compassion I receive in this program.” –p. 77, *A Little Time for Myself* (B-34)

I personally cannot imagine where I would be today without that same support and compassion when I reached out for help. Can you?

Did you know that on June 22, 1951, the first financial contribution toward the operation of the Clearing House was received from a man in Lynn, Massachusetts? (p. 44, *Many Voices, One Journey* [B-31]) Or that the first appeal for contributions was sent by the Clearing House on March 1, 1952? “Lois and Anne asked each member to contribute ‘on the same basis as the A.A. groups do,’ approximately \$1 per person, two times per year” (p. 46, *Many Voices, One Journey*). \$1 in 1952 is equivalent to about \$11.48 in 2023. That means their original appeal is close to \$23 per year or \$5.75 per quarter today.

Evelyn C., Treasurer, said at the 1970 World Service Conference, “The service that the Al-Anon fellowship gives to humanity worldwide is too important to be hampered in any way.” A list of the many services that the WSO provides is on the back of this letter. I want those services to be available “when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,” so I contribute when the Quarterly Appeal Letter is read at my meetings. Will you? At the groups I attend, we read the letter at two successive meetings and pass around the enclosed envelope. The Group Treasurer then mails a check to AFG, Inc., noting “appeal” in the memo line, for the total amount collected from the members. If you are an electronic group, your members can go to al-anon.org and select the Contribution button.

Your contribution today will allow the WSO to keep providing services to our worldwide fellowship unhampered.

In gratitude,

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“How Al-Anon Serves
Your Group and You”

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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 Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App Performs thorough research and responds to members' questions regarding CAL and The Forum Supports Inmate Correspondence Service Supports Alateen groups and encourages Al-Anon members to serve through their Area process Supports Al-Anon Information Service Centers (AISs) 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 Service Manual Builds and translates Mobile App premium content Processes requests to translate CAL and coordinates reviews of translations 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"> Prepares, designs, translates, and distributes <i>Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism</i> (AFA) 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 Processes requests to translate CAL and coordinates reviews of translations 	<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 Builds, translates, and actively maintains the website, including international and WSC Structure meeting searches 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 WSC Summary 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