



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

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Greetings fellow Al-Anon and Alateen members,

Did you know that in 1951, Lois and Anne, our Cofounders, “were thrilled that 50 groups responded affirmatively to the invitation to unify, even though over a third of those invited did not respond”? They “took a leap of faith: they believed that a wider community of shared recovery would strengthen their groups as well as their personal recovery” (p. 42, *Many Voices, One Journey* [B-31]). As I read those passages, I have such a deep, overwhelming sense of gratitude for our Cofounders’ leap of faith.

Could Lois and Anne have conceived that their efforts would become a worldwide fellowship? Could they have dreamed of all the services that would be supplied in the future in the Clearing House that would come to be known as the World Service Office (WSO)? A list of the many ways the WSO serves your group and you is on the back of this letter.

I write to you quarterly in an appeal to you, the individual Al-Anon/Alateen member, to consider making a direct contribution to your WSO to support those services. You can put your contribution in the envelope as it is passed around, or you can look below for other ways to contribute.

The World Service Conference (WSC) theme for this year is “Our Path toward Grace, Unity, and Understanding.” Our common path is impacted by the family disease of alcoholism. Over the years, I have found my Al-Anon path is filled with the spiritual principles of unity, freedom from isolation, and mutual understanding. Your contribution today will help keep that path available to all who are attracted to our fellowship.

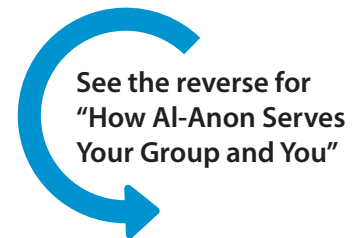
Thank you for all you continue to do.

In gratitude,

Ann Marie Z.

Member

AFG, Inc. Treasurer



Don't have cash? There are many ways that you can make your individual contribution:

- Send an individual check or money order made out to AFG, Inc. and mail it to the address on the bottom of this letter.
- Go to the *Al-Anon Family Groups 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.

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 (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 <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