Al-Anon Family Groups

Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

Groups are encouraged to read this letter at two successive meetings and pass around the enclosed envelope.

Quarterly Appeal Letter to Individual Members in Your Group

November 2025

Hello, fellow Al-Anon and Alateen Members,

From the earliest days of Al-Anon in the 1950s, the Clearing House had contact with individuals and groups in the United States and countries around the world. We read in *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31) about how, as that Clearing House evolved into the World Service Office we know today, the connections with these global groups greatly expanded as well.

Today, the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon and Alateen offers meetings in at least 135 countries. Over half of those countries have an organization for the groups in that country, ranging from an established General Service Office (GSO) to a coordinated effort among the country's groups to work together. The Staff at the World Service Office work with these different countries on many of the services listed on the reverse side of this letter.

These services are provided to all groups in the World Service Conference Structure, consisting of the United States, Canada, and Bermuda, and all are available to those who seek recovery from the family disease of alcoholism. As the work of the World Service Office is needed every month, funding through our contributions is also needed consistently to ensure our World Service Office can continue to provide those services.

Each quarter, we write to you as individual Al-Anon/Alateen members to continue a practice, started nearly 60 years ago, of seeking individual contributions to support our mission. Although your group, District, or Area might also contribute, this is your opportunity to make an individual contribution. Please either add your contribution to the envelope as it is passed around your group or look below for other ways to contribute.

Our contributions are a real way we can live the words we say in the Al-Anon Declaration, that it begins with me to ensure that the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen is there when "anyone, anywhere" reaches out for help. How exciting to know that "anyone, anywhere" could be at home or in a country that differs from your own. Thank you for your contribution.

With thanks,

David B.
Member
AFG, Inc. Treasurer

See the reverse for "How Al-Anon Serves Your Group and You"

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 appropriate address below.
- 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

- 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; and providing registration dates
- Maintains the *Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App*, selecting trilingual premium content
- Performs thorough research and responds to members' questions regarding Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and *The Forum*
- Supports Inmate Correspondence Service
- Supports Alateen groups and encourages Al-Anon members to serve through their local process
- Supports Al-Anon Information Service Centers (AISs), Literature Distribution Centers (LDCs), and combined AIS/LDCs (Intergroups)
- Maintains the Al-Anon Family Groups archives
- Coordinates the Al-Anon International Convention with A.A. participation

Recovery & Service Tools

- Collects member sharings and edits, translates, designs, and publishes CAL
- Prepares, edits, translates, designs, and distributes *The Forum, Le lien,* and *Al-Anon y Alateen en acción* magazines
- Develops service tools to educate and support the membership
- Builds, designs, translates, and distributes *In The Loop, Le Messager,* and *En Contacto*
- Facilitates, coordinates, translates, and publishes revisions to the *Al-Anon/ Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27)
- Processes international structure requests to translate CAL and coordinates reviews of translations

Awareness

- Prepares, designs, translates, and distributes public outreach tools and service materials such as *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA)* magazine
- Creates public outreach campaigns, including public service announcements (PSAs), informs the media, and encourages member participation
- Shares the Al-Anon message with professionals, including providing complimentary materials and attending professional conferences
- Creates, designs, translates, and manages al-anon.org, blogs, podcasts, and social media pages
- Conducts triennial membership surveys and a longitudinal study to assess the impacts of the Al-Anon program
- Fosters cooperation with researchers

Financial Sustainability

- Manages AFG, Inc. financial matters and operations
- Receives and processes member, group, and service arm contributions
- Manages inventory, processes, and distribution of literature orders for members, groups, and LDCs
- Receives and processes magazine and *Mobile App* premium content subscriptions
- Grants reprint permissions for CAL
- Maintains and defends copyrights and trademarks
- Implements the AFG, Inc. Strategic Plan
- Recruits, grows, and retains Staff to support our primary purpose
- Maintains AFG, Inc. systems, including the AFG Connects communication platform, Online Group Records, and the Online Store
- Evaluates emerging technologies to determine benefits for AFG, Inc. and the fellowship
- Prepares, translates, and publishes an Annual Report of AFG, Inc. activities and projects

Global Engagement

- Provides leadership and support to trusted servants globally
- Coordinates the World Service Conference (WSC) and produces the *WSC Summary* (P-46)
- Coordinates the International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) and produces the IAGSM Summary
- Supports Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) and facilitates the annual WSC Structure Alateen recertification process
- Coordinates AFG, Inc. participation in international and Area events
- Facilitates the AFG, Inc. Trustee and committee application process to ensure consistency in candidate selection
- Supports World Service Office committees and trusted servants in executing oversight responsibilities

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