

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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(Between 119th and 120th Streets)



Please direct all communications to:

GRAND CENTRAL STATION
P.O. BOX 459
NEW YORK, NY 10163
FAX# 212-870-3003

Dear A.A. Friend,

We are glad that you expressed an interest in having an A.A. member on the outside correspond with you to share A.A. experience, strength, and hope. This is not a pen-pal service and Alcoholics Anonymous does not assign sponsors; however, we will link you to an outside A.A. member with whom you can share your experience, as it relates to your problems with *alcohol*, through our Corrections Correspondence Service. Once you have made contact, that person may be willing to sponsor you.

NOTE: This Correspondence Service is available to those with *at least six months or more* left to serve, and is a random match with men writing to men and women writing to women.

In addition to observing the rules in your facility regarding mail, the following guidelines drawn from shared A.A. experience may help when writing to an A.A. member on the outside **ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN CONTACTED:**

1. Share in a general way in the opening letter **IN REPLY** to your outside correspondent, what it used to be like when drinking, how you got into A.A., and what it is like today. If your problem is mainly with drugs, we suggest you write to Narcotics Anonymous.
2. Remember this is not a pen pal club. It is to share the A.A. program and sobriety.
3. Please answer letters consistently or ask to be removed from the correspondence list.
4. Upon release or transfer, notify G.S.O. and your A.A. correspondent.

Pre-release request: For those being released in less than six months; if you write G.S.O. three to six months prior to your release we can request that an A.A. member in the area where you will be living contact you shortly before your release. This may help you transition from A.A. on the inside, to A.A. on the outside. To request a pre-release contact, we need to know your approximate release date *and* the city/state or province you will be going to upon your release. Please do not use the attached form to request a pre-release contact.

All here join me in sending wishes for all the best A.A. has to offer a day at a time.

Yours sincerely,

Staff Member
Corrections Desk

CORRESPONDENCE FORM: PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE OF A.A.

Yes, I have at least six months or more to serve and would like to share experience regarding recovery from alcoholism with an outside A.A. member by participating in the Corrections Correspondence Service.

I am a **MALE** **FEMALE** (please circle one) Estimated Release Date _____

Name _____ My Inmate Number _____
(First and Last)

Facility Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

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