

# AREA 16 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES -BRIDGE THE GAP VOLUNTEER FORM

Bridge the Gap, P.O. Box 7325, Macon GA 31209

The Bridge the Gap Committee of Area 16 Correctional Facilities Committee is made up of Alcoholics Anonymous members across the state that are dedicated to carrying the AA message to people who are seeking sobriety but are unable to participate at the community level. Specifically, Bridge the Gap provides a way for recovering alcoholics to make contacts with AA members in the area in which they will be living after their release.

We believe that the most important time in an inmate's recovery is the first 24 to 48 hours after his or her release. Some of us who have been in this position can share that although we had participated in Alcoholics Anonymous while in a correctional facility, we didn't attend meetings after our release. We were simply too nervous, frightened or jittery to walk into a strange AA meeting. Bridge the Gap hopes to help inmates cross this hurdle by giving them a "friendly ear" on the outside who will make them feel at home in their AA community.

Neither Alcoholics Anonymous nor Bridge the Gap provides housing, food, clothing, job, money or other welfare or social services. We do, however, help to guide newcomers to find these things for themselves.

We strongly believe that alcoholics in correctional facilities need never return if they learn to live sober lives. We believe that Bridge the Gap can play an important part in achieving this goal. We look forward to helping them enter the mainstream of AA and their communities.

Respectfully Yours,  
Area 16 Correctional Facilities Committee  
Email: [corrections@aageorgia.org](mailto:corrections@aageorgia.org)

## HOW BRIDGE THE GAP WORKS

1. Inmate AA member requests a Bridge the Gap application.
2. The Inmate mails the application to Bridge the Gap.
3. Mail is picked up at the P.O. Box by the Bridge the Gap coordinator.
4. The BTG chairperson sorts the application and forwards it to the volunteer in the area the inmate is to be released.
5. The volunteer is then responsible for contacting the inmate AA member.

*It is suggested that you use a P.O. Box, or a work address for contact. The volunteer information is strictly confidential. It is never released to the inmate by anyone except the volunteer.*

*Please mail the Volunteer information form to : Area 16 Bridge the Gap, P.O. Box 7325, Macon, GA 31209*

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ (male or female)

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

I Am Willing to Be a Bridge the Gap Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

