



Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups

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Will YOU Help Spread *HOPE* in Rhode Island?

RHODE ISLAND 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL LETTER TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

*** *Please read and/or circulate this letter at meetings through the month January* ***

Let it begin with YOU!

Fellow Al-Anon Member, please consider making a generous gift to the 2024 Rhode Island Area Annual Appeal. It takes all of us to make the program work and to make a difference, and our fellowship simply can't do it without generous members like you. **When every member reaches out a hand, together we can spread the promise of Al-Anon and keep Hope alive for the next person who needs it!**

This October, the RI Spring-Fall Assembly members voted to adopt a fiscally responsible 2025 budget that meets only the most critical operating expenses. The nature of RI Al-Anon Area's operations has changed because of the COVID-19 pandemic; formerly reliable sources of income are not as reliable now, and expenses have increased (as they have everywhere). The result is that the RI Al-Anon Area has outspent our income the past 2 years, and our bank balances are quickly approaching our Prudent Reserve¹.

I am always grateful for our groups' continued generosity giving to the RI Area! However, *group* donations do not fully cover the cost per group, so we turn to our *individual* members to donate as much as possible in a separate Annual Appeal. **We can meet our 2024 budget projections if members contribute additional amounts dedicated to the 2024 Annual Appeal. If the appeal exceeds the shortfall amount below, we can grow even further!**

⇒ RI Area Cost per Group:	\$361
⇒ RI Average Annual Donation:	\$250
⇒ RI Area Cost per Group <u>Shortfall</u>	\$(111) (or 31% avg per group cost)
⇒ Percent of active groups that <i>do not donate</i> to the RI Area each year:	18%

Remember that it's not about the size of the gift; it's about each of us being part of the solution. No contribution is too small! And no journey is too difficult...when we all come together.

I am happy to add that the October Assembly also voted several new members into RI Al-Anon Area service! They are already bringing fresh energy to the Area and filling gaps in our links of service. It's another reason to be grateful to the tremendous fellowship of RI Al-Anon!

Thank you in advance for your generosity, service, and commitment to RI Al-Anon Family Groups!

Yours in gratitude and service,



Terry L., Grateful Member of Al-Anon
RI Al-Anon Family Groups Area Treasurer

¹ The Prudent Reserve is mandated in Concept Twelve, Warranty One: "that only sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle". The RI Area Prudent Reserve equals 50% or six months of the prior year's basic operating expenses.



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How to make an Annual Appeal Donation to RI Al-Anon Area World Service

Making a personal or group gift to the Rhode Island Al-Anon Area is easy!

- 1) During the *month of January & into February*:
 - a. Individuals can mail contributions directly to the RI Al-Anon Area at the address above
 - b. Groups can add a separate Annual Appeal donation envelope in your group's 7th tradition basket and circulate it twice (2nd time after announcing the Appeal letter). This allows members to make their regular contribution to the group and donate an additional amount towards the 2024 Annual Appeal.

- 2) Group Treasurers can send checks for their group's separate 2024 Annual Appeal collection to the RI Al-Anon Area address above in December and January.

- 3) **Please include the words "Annual Appeal" on the check and your group's name and number** (if a group is donating members' Annual Appeal money). Groups - don't forget to continue with your normal RI Al-Anon Area group donations too!

Thank you again for your service and your generosity!