



Board of Trustees Appeal Letter

World Service Board of Trustees' Mission Statement

The World Service Board of Trustees is dedicated to the growth and financial stability of Nar-Anon Family Groups. In cooperation with the world service committees and World Service Office, we will support the worldwide fellowship by developing services necessary to carry the message of Nar-Anon.

One of the Board of Trustees' main responsibilities is to ensure Nar-Anon has adequate financial resources to fulfill the mission of carrying its message around the world. We envision a future of always being available to those in need. Remember the first time you came to a meeting? Remember the first time you found serenity? How about the first time you realized you were no longer alone? What about all the friends you made in the fellowship, who walked by your side on this journey through the good times and bad? Wouldn't you want those who have yet to find Nar-Anon to be able to receive the gifts our program has to offer?

Tradition Six states, Our Family Groups ought never to endorse, finance or lend our name to any outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary spiritual aim...

Where do funds come from to operate our World Service Office (WSO)? Nar-Anon does not take money from outside entities. We are supported by member donations and from the sale of literature. In recent years, all businesses and organizations have had to tighten their budgets and deal with cutbacks while material costs continue to rise. We too have felt this economic impact, as our donations have decreased over the past three years.

Our Seventh Tradition states, Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

How does Nar-Anon keep itself fully self-supporting? Just as the group's Seventh Tradition basket serves to support the group, this same basket also serves to support every level of service beyond the group. These funds help to provide services on behalf of all members through the WSO. Without group support, phones at WSO may not get answered, utilities and salaries may not be paid, and literature may not be published.

While WSO generates income from literature sales, it is not enough, and more funds are needed. Currently, Seventh Tradition contributions only account for approximately 12% of our operating income. This is clearly out of balance.

Concept 2 states, The final responsibility and authority for Nar-Anon services rests with the Nar-Anon Family Groups.

What does this mean? It takes every member, every group, every area, and every region to keep our world services functioning, and it is our collective responsibility. Our groups make decisions for our fellowship through the World Service Conference, but what does that responsibility encompass? We authorize our world service committees and WSO to perform services on behalf of all our groups. Prior to executing any service, funds are needed. What else does WSO need to perform those services?



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- Rent, utilities, insurance, salaries
- Phone and internet services
- Computers, copiers, printers, paper, and ink
- Outreach

World service committees provide other services that require funds:

- Literature production and software
- Website upkeep and associated fees
- Newsletter and subscription provider fees
- Outreach
- Narateen

We are making an appeal to all groups, areas, and regions to discuss at your next group conscience business meeting the financial requirements for providing world services to the Fellowship. Once the prudent reserve (See GLS pg. 8-2) has been met, we ask all members to support area, region, and world services so we can continue to carry the message to those in need.

Donations can be made to WSO:

By mail: 22527 Crenshaw Blvd, Suite 200B
Torrance, CA 90505

By website: www.nar-anon.org
Hit the DONATE link on any page after the Home page