

Birthday Plan



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AREA 19 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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Birthday Plan is Gratitude in Action!

Members customarily contribute \$1, \$2 or even \$5 a year for each year of sobriety – others give a penny or nickel a day for each day of their sobriety. Regardless of the amount, it will be used to pass on the message of Hope.

Multiple Ways To Give



Set-up Monthly Auto Pay through your Bank

Payable to: Chicago Area Service Office or CASO



Use Credit Card online at

www.chicagoaa.org

make this monthly donation



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www.ChicagoAA.org/Contribute/





How is the Money Used?

Some of the ways include:

- Provide 24 Hour 7 day a week phone service by recovered alcoholics, over 10,000 calls per year
- Maintains and updates the website, averages over 1.5 million visits per year
- Publishes *Here's How* Newsletter
- Maintains, update and publishes meeting directories for over 600 Groups and almost 3,000 meetings
- Funds Area Committees, like Corrections and Hospitals & Treatment who get A.A. literature in the hands of those that need it.



I Am Responsible

***When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A.
always to be there***

***And for that:
I Am Responsible***

Why Be a Birthday Plan Member?

It's a Great way to Look Back and be Grateful,

Look Ahead and Be Hopeful,

Look Around and be Helpful.

All Thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous!

Is there a limit to how an A.A. member can contribute?

Yes, that limit is \$5,000 a year

Contributions to Chicago Area Service Office are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3



A.A. Birthday Plan History

This idea was inspired in the 1950's by passionate members from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ab A. was successful in raising contributions with this plan. He would often ask if "they would like to do a little Twelfth Step work with money?"

At the 1955 General Service Conference, it was suggested that "those Delegates who care to, might also put into circulation in their areas the Birthday Plan which has been successful in Oklahoma." In 1970, it was recommended the extension of the Birthday Plan includes the birthdays of individual groups as well as of individual members.

Today, members still express gratitude for their sobriety with a Birthday Contribution. Some members contribute a dollar for each year of their sobriety, while others give a penny for each day of their sobriety—some give more.

Your tax-deductible contribution will help make our vital services possible and will help to carry the A.A. message to those who still suffer. **You can make the difference!**

Give Online at: www.chicagoaa.org



“Why should not each of us tell himself: ‘Yes, we A.A.’s were once a burden on everyone. We were “takers.” Now that we are sober, and by the grace of God have become responsible citizens of the world, why shouldn’t we now about-face and become “thankful givers”!’ Yes, it is high time we did.”

Bill W., Originally published in 1958 Grapevine.
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