

GRATEFUL GIVING MONTH

San Fernando Valley A.A. Central Office

Celebrate A.A. Founders Day - This June

In honor of A.A. Founders Day this June, we invite all San Fernando Valley meetings/groups to participate in Grateful Giving Month.

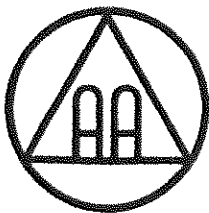
HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- We are asking meetings to pass the basket a second time throughout the month of June.
- Designate that collection to support your SFVAA Central Office

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HELP ENSURE:

- 24-hour hotline support
- Meeting directories and resources
- Local access to A.A. literature
- A strong and connected A.A. community


One extra basket. One powerful act of gratitude.




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≡ Why Your ≡ CENTRAL OFFICE Matters

Your local Central Office is far more than a storefront where literature and chips are sold - it is one of the most important ways Alcoholics Anonymous carries its message to the still-suffering alcoholic. As Bill W. wrote in "Where Money and Spirituality Mix," *"Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible."* Your Central Office helps make that doable every day by connecting newcomers to meetings, keeping meeting information current, answering phones, coordinating volunteers, and providing literature and support to groups throughout the community.

Often, your Central Office is the very first contact a desperate alcoholic or family member has with Alcoholics Anonymous. When someone finally reaches out for help, they are met with a simple but life-changing response: *"Alcoholics Anonymous ... may we help you?"* That human connection matters. In a world of disconnected phone trees, outdated websites, and dead-end numbers, a local Central Office ensures there is a live alcoholic available to help another alcoholic.

When a community loses its Central Office, the loss reaches far beyond the office itself. The fellowship becomes less connected, resources become harder to access, and vital services can disappear: The phone stops being answered for the newcomer desperately trying to find help; literature and chips become more difficult and expensive to obtain; and meeting directories no longer stay current.

Many areas already live with that reality. Some alcoholics spend hours calling disconnected numbers, treatment centers, or outdated listings just trying to find a meeting. Without a strong local service structure, groups are left isolated and newcomers can easily slip through the cracks.

A.A. has always depended on our membership to support these services because, as Bill W. reminded us, these services are *"absolutely essential...to our survival as a Fellowship."* (A.A. Grapevine, 1967) Supporting your Central Office is not simply paying overhead; it is protecting the infrastructure that allows Alcoholics Anonymous to remain available, visible, and welcoming to the next alcoholic who reaches out their hand for help.

