# **SELF-SUPPORT**

The Seventh Tradition states: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose — to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.

### **Service Material from the General Service Office**

### **SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT**

#### Some facts:

- Less than 44% of groups contribute to the General Service Office.
- Costs of Services provided by G.S.O. are \$6.32 per member per year.
- A.A. literature sales account for 56% of G.S.O.'s income.

## Personal thoughts:

- What is the value of your sobriety?
- Does your group know that contributions may be made online at AA.org
- Give untill it feels good.