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Dear _____

WE NEED YOUR HELP! As you know, the Board of Trustees has authorized the preparation of a hard-cover book, entitled Narcotics Anonymous, to enlarge the present pamphlet of that name. We plan to have a much expanded description of the drug addict, the drug dependency problem in general, and our program of recovery - what it is and how it works. We hope that this new book will fulfill the same needs as AA's Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, which has been so important to our recovery. However successful AA's Big Book has been for us, we desperately need to present our program of recovery and way of life in terms which are meaningful to the newcomer who cannot identify with ~~the~~ alcoholism. How many have died because of this lack of identity? Can we forget our primary purpose? We need a vehicle for our program and a cohesive base upon which N.A. ~~can~~ can grow.

Whether or not we get this book into publication in the near future depends on you. A great ~~amount~~ amount of individual and group effort is necessary if we are to be successful. The first step we must take towards our goal is the gathering of information from many sources, but mainly from you. We already have a group of dedicated members in Northern California who are doing some fine work on an expanded version of

the first sections of our N.A. Pamphlet (who is an Addict, what is the Narcotics Anonymous Program, ~~and~~ how it works, etc.). This is the type of action which will make an N.A. Big Book possible.

We need more drafts of this material so that we can put together the best possible book. We also need additional stories to include in this book, by clean addicts with some time in N.A. relating what it used to be like, what happened, and what it's like now. In the present N.A. Booklet most of the stories stress the "hard" drugs, mainly heroin; in the new book we also need to include stories by the users of newer drugs - speed, acid, pills, and such. This is especially important because of the great influx of addicts using drugs other than heroin. We'll certainly still deal heavily with recovery from heroin addiction (and we need new stories of such recovery) but we don't want to limit the attraction of our book, or of the N.A. Program, to ~~opiate~~ opiate users only.

If you or any members of your N.A. group would like to submit drafts of stories or chapters for possible inclusion in the book, please do. We need contributions from all geographical areas, ~~and from~~ ~~it~~ as well as from a wide variety of drugs used. We would like to emphasize the recovery phase in the addict's

story - share our experience, strength, and hope, rather than just give a long "drug-a-log" ending with "And then I joined N.A. and now everything's all right." Stories should be about the length of those in the existing pamphlet. Please send us several copies of your draft, if ~~is possible~~ possible, so that we can distribute it ~~throughout~~ for evaluation. ~~If you have~~

So if you want to get involved, if you have some good ideas, and most important if you have something to contribute please write to us at:

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Our primary purpose is to stay ~~or~~ Clean and to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

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1. Acknowledgement to A.A.

2. Dedication

Dedicated to those people who have been unable make this program but have made our recovery possible

3. Opening Prayer

4. Forward

Chapter I Why N.A.

a. History & founding

b. Why do we come to N.A.

the progression c. other fellowships & organizations

no org. has all the answers

Chapter II

Who is an addict

III

What is the N.A. Program

~~IV~~ Why have we here

Chapter II

WHO IS AN ADDICT

Ideas

1. define effects of drug use on
Personal life
social relationships (family, society, friends)
business or work
productivity (creativity, accomplishments)

2. Progression — usage

3. We're not addicts because of #1

4. What makes us addicts.

opportunity
Progression

5. "An Addict is a man or a woman
who's life is controlled by drugs

6. Addict pattern

Addiction clean & sober

first fix, pill, drink or joint

7. differences between an addict & alcoholic

IV How it works

V Freedom is a living program —
~~the freedom~~

living program

Spiritual — ~~the program beyond the steps~~

enjoy & employ freedom

failures are the pillars of success

include step action —

VI

Action is the key
& responsibility

VII The N.A. GROUP — TRADITIONS —
Fellowship

VIII Stories — Experience strength & hope

IX Epilogue —

How to run

Ideas for chapters or other Publications

1. How to start a meeting
2. To make the effort when there's no reason to make the effort
3. The newcomer is the most important person.

Chapter VII

The N.A. Group

~~A~~ Group - what is necessary to start a group —: how to start a group.
 where does the group once started fit into N.A. as a whole

starting:

1. find another person!
1. contact WSO
2. get information
3. find a place

⊖ group must practice the 12 steps and 12 traditions in order to be called an N.A. GROUP

why

→ original concept of N.A.

why form a group — to help other people
 & maintain
 we can only