

**Bridge the Gap** 

## Temporary Sponsors Needed in Alamance, Caswell, Chatham and Orange Counties

An Opportunity to Give Back What Was So Freely Given to Each of Us

## Sign up now! See Details on Back of This Flyer

Bridge the Gap is a program that helps treatment facility patients make the transition to Alcoholics Anonymous by pairing them with temporary contacts in the A.A. community.

To sign up or learn more about this program, members in AA District 33 should contact Bob D./Eno for further details or add your name/email/phone number to sign up sheet at your meeting's location.

Contact TFC at tf@aanc33.org

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### Helping others connect with hope



#### Bridging the Gap ...

is a program that finds temporary contacts for newly released treatment facility clients to ease the transition to outside A.A. meetings. You don't need treatment experience to be a temporary contact. Your own experience, strength and hope are most important. Often, this contact is the essential link between treatment and recovery. **Remember, there's nothing temporary about helping someone start a lifetime of sobriety.** 

#### How it Works

A local intergroup, district or area can start by creating a Bridging the Gap committee or appointing a BTG Coordinator. Next is creating a list of A.A. members who volunteer to be temporary contacts. The BTG committee can now inform treatment facilities about the service. Clients are encouraged to contact the BTG committee as they're released, so a BTG volunteer/coordinator can arrange contact with an A.A. member. Most often, A.A. members make direct personal contact with clients. Sometimes, treatment administrators "make the bridge."

#### **Temporary Contact List**

It's suggested that contacts have at least one year of continuous sobriety.

In general, men should work with men; women with women. **Contact Bob D., Eno Group**,

rfd24@nc.rr.com to be added to a list of those interested in doing this type of service in our district.

#### Learn More!

Bridging the Gap between Treatment & A.A through Temporary Contact Programs, A.A. pamphlet P-49

HOPE: Alcoholics Anonymous, DVD, emphasizes the importance of a temporary contact. DV-09 Order both from: A.A. World Services. Call (212)870-3312

### Be The Bridge!

Here are some suggested activities:

- Take a newcomer to a variety of meetings
- Introduce him or her to other A.A. members
- Insure that he or she has phone numbers
- Share the experience of sponsorship
- Share the importance of a home group
- Introduce A.A. literature, especially Alcoholics Anonymous