

12 STEP VOLUNTEERS

Each group, that would like to participate in this program, will elect a Twelve Step Chairperson. The chairperson does not have to be an Intergroup Rep. nor will they be required to attend Intergroup Meetings.

The chairperson will establish and maintain a list of qualified 12 step volunteers for their home group only. By establishing the 12 step list through your own home group, it is much easier to explain to the group what true twelfth step work is all about before they volunteer, and to determine if the individual member is qualified to do 12 step work. Maintenance of your home group list will also be much easier since members of a home group see and talk to each other on a regular basis.

When the Central Office, or Night Owl volunteer, receives a call from someone who is in need of 12 step work, they will call a 12 Step Chairperson from the corresponding area (sorted by zip code). The 12 step chairperson will then contact their home group members to take the 12 step call. If you are not able to find someone to take the call, let the office or Night Owl volunteer know immediately. They will then try to contact another group to fill the request.

The only information that will be maintained by the Central Office and Twelve Step Committee is the list of 12 Step Chairpersons and the zip-codes the members of their Home Group can cover. This list will also be used by our Night Owl phone volunteers.

Ideally, chairpersons will be accessible 24 hours a day through daytime or cellular phones. Co-chairpersons or alternates would also be most helpful. The more information we have for contacting the group, the sooner we will be able to help the person in need. We are currently receiving around 12-15 12 step requests per month; 12 step chairpersons need not be concerned that their phones are going to be ringing all night long.

The more groups we get involved, the better we can carry out our twelfth step responsibilities. Everyone will benefit if we have more groups covering smaller areas; rather than a couple large groups covering half of the city.