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To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
From: NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

The purpose of this letter is to provide your organization with information about the program of Narcotics Anonymous. The following is a brief outline of our basic principles:

We are a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We meet regularly to help one another remain clean and sober from drugs. We are a non-profit organization, declining outside contributions, supporting ourselves by passing the hat to cover our minimal expenses. We are a spiritual program, yet we are not allied with any particular sect or religion. We encourage members to develop a belief in a Higher Power as they understand it. We are non-professional, relying solely on the bond of our common experience and our shared strength and hope. We have no leaders, though each group elects members to serve the group and handle any business the group may have.

Narcotics Anonymous has been active in the Greater Philadelphia area for the past seven (7) years. Our membership has been growing constantly, and we now have many active members in the area. One of our basic beliefs is that we continue to derive strength by sharing our message with the addict who still suffers.

Enclosed you will find literature entitled, "How It Works", which provides more detailed information on our program as a whole. A list of specific times and places of NA meetings is also enclosed.

We hope this information gives you some insight to the program's primary purpose and method of operation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at our 24-hour service hotline number,

(215) 276-2703

or write us at:

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