Dear Friend:

I thank you and your congregation for making possible to those suffering from the effects of someone's drinking the availability of an Al-Anon meeting.

As I am sure you are aware there exists throughout this country a major public health problem in the misuse of alcohol. Governmental sources can provide information of the impact this problem has on the individuals involved. There are many resources available to treat the alcoholic. However, there are fewer resources available to those victims directly affected by that drinking i.e. the children, spouses, partners, parents, friends, employees and fellow workers.

In 1960 two women, themselves the wives of recovering alcoholics, reached across North America to families of other recovering alcoholics with the purpose of bringing them relief from the pain of living with alcoholism, from this outreach Al-Anon was created.

Since that time Al-Anon Family Groups have spread throughout the world. There are 14,449 Al-Anon meetings and over 1,000 Ala-teen meeting throughout the U.S. and Canada with another 3,000 in Mexico. Al-Anon pamphlets and literature is written in 38 languages and Al-Anon family groups have become an established community resource recommended to clients by health care professionals.

Al-Anon has no fees or dues but because of it's tradition of being self sufficient through its own voluntary contributions is able to welcome anyone to its meetings and offer hope and comfort at no cost. Your partnership in providing low cost accommodation for our meetings helps make this possible. We are deeply appreciative of your assistance in offering this public health service to the surrounding community.

Yours in service,