

SELF-SUPPORT

The Seventh Tradition states that Alcoholics Anonymous is self-supporting through our own contributions. The contributions help to cover the group's expenses. But the Seventh Tradition is more than simply paying for rent and other group expenses. It is both a privilege and a responsibility of individual groups and members to ensure that our organization, at every level, remains forever self-supporting and free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose.

The monetary amount of each contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that joins us in unity with A.A. groups around the world.

Service Material from the General Service Office

Self-Support Facts

Does GSO handle all the contributions that come from the Fellowship?

While members and groups often use the phrase “contributing to GSO,” contributions are actually made to the General Service Board, which is responsible for all Seventh Tradition contributions. The GSB accepts contributions and uses them to help pay for services to the Fellowship that are carried out by employees of the two affiliate corporations working at the General Service Office.

Seventh Tradition contributions do not cover all costs of services; the shortfall is made up with literature sales.

Contributions may be made by check or credit card, using the contribution envelope. Make checks payable to the General Service Board and send to:

General Service Office
P.O. Box 2407
James A. Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

(Please write your group number on the check)

Online contributions may be made by credit card. Additionally, members or groups can set up recurring contributions that will automatically charge their credit card either monthly, quarterly or annually. Click on the A.A. Member Contributions Online icon on www.aa.org.