

SPONSOR A MEMBER IN SAN QUENTIN



A SERVICE OF THE H&I COMMITTEE OF NORTHERN CA

WHAT: To provide one-on-one in-person sponsorship to A.A. members confined at San Quentin State Prison.

WHY: Due to State Prison regulations and federal PREA requirements, regular H&I meeting volunteers CANNOT sponsor inside members at the institution they serve. So we have created an “inside visiting sponsor service” which operates in addition to our H&I meeting activities at the prisons. To understand this vital need, we need only ask ourselves “**Would I be sober today without the help of a sponsor?**”.

HOW: A.A. volunteers who sign up for this service go into the prison individually as VISITORS. The clearance procedure for visitors is very simple - just a basic one-page questionnaire. Outside volunteers are matched with inside members requesting the service. After the first meeting, both members are free to decide if they want to work together – like all sponsorship, it is entirely voluntary on both sides.

ANONYMITY: Due to the use of our dedicated P.O. Box and the cooperation of the prison administration, *your anonymity is protected*. Your last name and address aren't revealed.

VISITING SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS FOR SAN QUENTIN

- Male-identified members with at least five years' continuous sobriety.
- Knowledge and practice of A.A.'s Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.
- Solid sponsorship experience.
- H&I experience preferred, but not as important as solid sponsorship experience.
- Attendance at an IVSS orientation – either in-person or video conference.
- Ability to obtain a simple visitor's clearance.
- Ability to visit the prison at least once a month – visiting days at San Quentin are on the weekends and holidays.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- Just email us at sanquentin.ivss@gmail.com with your name, ph#, email address, the county you live in, your sobriety date, length of sponsorship and H&I experience.

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.

We thank you for joining us!

Email: sanquentin.ivss@gmail.com