

Survivors of Incest Anonymous
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Dear Secretary,

Please read this at three consecutive meetings.

This is the first time I have written an appeal letter. I have been a member of SIA since the spring of 1989. You have been my lifeline, my source for healing, and my family. My life is what it is today because of the hope that I found in my meeting. I continue to need my weekly home group and as many retreats as I can manage in a year. This healing 12-step journey is my way of life and who I am. I am filled with gratitude.

I am now a member of the Board of Trustees of the Survivors of Incest Anonymous World Service Office and feel so honored to be able to perform this service. It is such a change from when I was new and thought of the WSO as some sort of authoritative, dysfunctional parent. Little did I realize what a tiny space the WSO occupies, and yet the magnitude of its outreach ripples around the globe!

We have been very fortunate since the First World Service Gathering in 2007 to have an expanded website, SIA Online Store, Email Response Network, and Online Meeting Directory put into place by enthusiastic survivors who had the knowledge to do so. This has catapulted SIA's outreach to a new level and is helping us grow, grow, grow!

Unfortunately, those who set up this great technology are no longer able to serve. At the present time, yours truly is trying gamely to keep these things operational. Please understand, I am an art teacher. I love computers. I can email, Facebook, PowerPoint, search the web and create nice documents. But, I have never been trained in web design, Wufoo, Access, etc., all skills necessary to maintain our current technological status and continue to help survivors connect with the healing of SIA.

It is my opinion that we are in need of a skilled person with whom we can contract to take care of these things professionally. In my estimation, even for a person with the training that it takes, this is a 12 hour per week job. It is not humane for any of us to expect a volunteer to perform this service on a weekly basis, for an extended time, with no remediation. We are asking this person to be available on our time table, not just to do a few things here and there, when they get around to it.

So, my appeal is for a specific intention. Would you consider giving a regular contribution earmarked for this purpose? We have about 200 groups worldwide. If each group gave \$2 a month, we could afford to contract with a professional and keep our World Wide Web presence alive and well. Of course, more than \$2 a month will not be turned away!

All good healing thoughts to you and your group,
In loving service,

Becky G.
Grateful Recovering Incest Survivor
Uniontown Monday Night *People of Courage* SIA

Please detach and send with your contribution-thank you!

Yes! Our group _____ feels it is essential to contract with a professional to keep SIA's web presence and directory functioning and growing. We commit to sending \$_____ per month above and beyond our regular WSO support.

_____ And we could use a gentle reminder now and then. Group contact name and address:

Email _____