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Dear A.A. Friend,

The 2009 General Service Conference, which is the group conscience that approves A.A. literature, has asked us to begin development of a recovery pamphlet for newcomers or prospective members of A.A. who may have special needs.

We hope that some of you may consider sharing experience, strength, and hope by submitting your story for consideration. Please keep in mind the following when preparing your manuscript:

- Your story is for the newcomer to A.A. – to help alcoholics with special needs identify.
- Approximately two or three pages or 500-800 written words, double spaced. **Attach your name and address where we may contact you on a separate piece of paper.**
- Please describe, as our Big Book says “in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now.”
- Some experiences you might include in your story are:
  - Any barriers you may have had to overcome to receive the message of A.A.
  - Any literature, other tools, or efforts by other A.A. members that may have been helpful to you in receiving the message of A.A.
- The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not that individual's story is selected for publication.
- ***Suggested deadline: December 15, 2009***

Please send to: Special Needs Coordinator, General Service Office,  
P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163

We are deeply grateful for your willingness to share in this way.