

## TSRSCNA *Sponsorship Behind the Walls* FAQ's

- How can I get involved?
  - o Contact a member of Regional Outreach and we can get you started right away!
- Requirements to sponsor?
  - o A willingness!
  - o A working knowledge of the steps—preferably all of the steps because often times the inmates move at a faster pace through the steps but progression is at the discretion of each sponsor.
  - o Compliance with our rules.
  - o An NA sponsor and homegroup.
  - o The subcommittee will supply you with materials including stamps, envelopes, paper, and pens. You are not required to finance your participation in any way.
- How does it work?
  - o All communications occur via letters. No face-to-face and no phone calls. You work the steps and traditions just as you would sponsor any other sponsee.
- How do I get matched with a sponsee?
  - o When a letter comes into the Tristate office, the Chair of Regional Outreach will notify you via phone or email that a sponsee is available. In cases where no sponsor was available at the time the letter was received, an introductory letter will be sent to the inmate outlining what we do (very briefly) and giving them a few questions to write on. In this case, when you're assigned a sponsee, there might be two letters. Both are provided to you so that you have all the background.
- How do I get the letter?
  - o A member of the Regional Outreach Subcommittee gets the mail each weekend from the Tristate office in Homestead. Using our database which tracks sponsors and sponsees, we will see who the sponsor is and you will be contacted by phone, email, or face-to-face. We can scan the letter to you, mail it to you, or give it to you by hand. Please consider that since the office is only open on weekends, the turnaround time for each letter is generally a two week minimum.
- Are there any rules?
  - o In compliance with the fellowship, men sponsor men and women sponsor women.
  - o Please use a pen name to ensure your anonymity.
  - o Always use the return address in Homestead, do not provide your personal address.
    - [your pen name]
    - Sponsorship Behind the Walls
    - PO Box 121
    - Homestead PA 15120-0423
  - o Include the DOC number when writing your sponsee, all letters without this information will be sent back to us.
  - o Do not send your sponsee any money, gifts, or books. If they request books please notify a subcommittee member and we will address this request.
  - o You may share sections or questions from books, but please avoid copying whole pages of the literature to avoid issues with copyright laws.