

Pink Can Information

History – The Pink Can was started in Colorado in the early nineties when a member who had lived in California and came to Colorado saw a need in the correctional facilities to get literature for our members and potential members who were incarcerated. In California there are 5 AA Areas and one Department of Corrections so the Areas used a Pink Can program to share funds across Areas and ensure all facilities across the state were provided for. In Colorado the idea is to ensure there are funds available for literature for all facilities across the State. The Pink Can is designed to be made available for contributions from Group members, in Groups who decide to participate, in a way that does not deter from the 7th Tradition for the Group, because the Group's health is paramount. It is suggested to be placed next to the coffee maker or literature rack with a possible mention in the Group's format. This has become an effective way to allow our fellowship to support our members who are unable to provide for themselves.

What we do - Provide A.A. Conference Approved literature to incarcerated alcoholics from Pink Can contributions.

All monies from the Pink Can are sent to the Corrections Treasurer who deposits the monies into a fund which is used only for the purchase of A.A. Conference Approved literature and Grapevines for alcoholics adjudicated to the following:

a) **County jails** (with the exception of those involved in most work release programs);

b) **Colorado State prisons**;

c) **Federal prisons** located in the State of Colorado;

d) **Juvenile facilities**;

e) All other correctional facilities housing offenders incarcerated as part of the penal system.

All literature invoices will be paid in full from the Pink Can fund including any postage and handling expenses when applicable.

Only facilities with active AA Member volunteer activity will be provided literature; all orders must be placed by said volunteer.

The Pink Can Fund – Generally there is around 12 to 20 thousand dollars in the fund as operating capital. There are roughly 4 to 6 thousand dollars a month in group and individual contributions. We send out roughly 4 to 6 thousand dollars in literature monthly. Translated to a year we contribute 60 to 75 thousand dollars worth of literature to help our volunteers carry the message to our fellow alcoholics who are incarcerated.

Where to send contributions – All contributions should be sent to:

Area 10 Corrections Correspondence

**PO Box 40368
Denver, CO 80204**

How to order: Go to ColoradoAA.org website and get the order form off of the Corrections Committee page. Fill out the order form with all appropriate contact information and mail in to address above, or scan and e-mail to: pinkcan@Coloradoaa.org