

Dear Prospective Contributor,

For 25 years, Freedom In Recovery Inc. (FIRI), a private non-profit 501c corporation EIN: 86-0737947, has been providing a safe, clean, and friendly meeting environment for all types of 12-Step meetings and fellowships. There are currently more than 35, 12-Step meetings held each week at Freedom Hall, a facility leased by FIRI.

The members of the FIRI Board of Directors receive no financial compensation for their services - they are elected by Sustaining Members. FIRI is not allied with any individual twelve-step fellowship and our success has been based upon maintaining this important separation. FIRI's operating capital comes from the rent it receives for each meeting held at Freedom Hall and from donations from its Sustaining Members. FIRI provides to its renters a 2500 square-foot facility (located at 2720 E. Thomas Road in Phoenix), meeting chairs, cups, coffee, storage lockers, and meeting notice boards. In exchange for these services, each meeting is currently charged 85 percent of the donations they collect. One-hundred percent of all the funds received by FIRI go toward maintaining the facility, providing supplies, meeting our financial obligations, and maintaining a prudent reserve.

FIRI is actively seeking tax-deductible financial donations in hopes of procuring a facility of our own. Acquiring a facility would enable us to provide a permanent location to house 12-Step meetings and fellowships. Additionally, over time as our financial obligations decrease due to the mortgage getting paid off, FIRI will be able to decrease the amount of rent we charge 12-Step groups. The cessation of ever increasing rent, along with the eventual decreasing of rent, translates into each 12-Step organization retaining more funds with which to carry their message of recovery to those that are still suffering. In short, our aim is to assist 12-Step groups in carrying their message of recovery by making better use of the funds they pay for rent - while providing them a permanent home.

We believe that the true impact of these 12-Step organizations upon our community is immense. Through these programs, lives are saved, families are restored, and individuals learn how to live meaningful and purposeful lives. They, themselves, become resourceful members of society - realizing the importance of carrying the message to others.

PLEASE ASSIST US IN THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE BY MAKING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION. Make your check payable to Freedom In Recovery Inc. and mail it to FIRI, c/o Guy Bluff, 4205 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85013-3079 or you may donate online from the http://www.guidestar.org website by searching on our name or tax number (86-0737947). Your contribution will reflect your compassion in helping us to overcome this challenge. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Thank you, for your consideration and hopefully for your contribution.

Sincerely, FIRI Board of Directors

For additional information please contact Ben Surber at (480) 213-4538 – or to view our current meeting list, please visit our website <u>http://www.freedomhallphoenix.org</u>.

