

Savannah S.A.
c/o Sexaholics Anonymous
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Dear Pastor,

I am writing you to inform you about our chapter of Sexaholics Anonymous. As a pastor and counselor you may have occasion to counsel with men or women who suffer from sexual obsessions, unhealthy sexual relationships, or compulsive acting out. We are men and women who admit that we are powerless over these behaviors without the strength and hope of recovery we find through turning our lives and wills over to the care of God. We do this by walking the Twelve Step path trod by many thousands before us and our own recovery is nurtured by our seeking out others with whom we can share what we have been given.

Like AA, we are not a therapy group, but are a fellowship of persons whose only requirement for membership is a desire for sexual sobriety and freedom from compulsive sexual behavior. We have no affiliations with any outside enterprises or concerns. We are an affiliated chapter of Sexaholics Anonymous, Inc., a twenty plus year old organization.

People who make their first contact with us, universally express tremendous apprehension and vulnerability in approaching a person or group unknown to them and admitting that they are powerless over this behavior and that they need help. Just as universal, however, is the phenomenal relief expressed when they encounter others who know the pain and defeat of repeated failed resolutions, but who are discovering the freedom that comes from surrender through walking these Twelve Steps.

We have developed the following manner in which persons may join our fellowship. Its purpose is to keep our tradition of remaining anonymous at the public level, and to offer this same assurance to inquirers. We ask that the inquirer call our local phone number, 351-7440, which is listed in the white pages under Sexaholics Anonymous. They will be asked to leave their first name and a phone number where they can be reached.

Designated members monitor this answering machine and will return the call, asking to speak only to the person who made the inquiry. Only then will the caller identify himself or herself with SA. A private meeting with the inquirer is arranged, at which time the member will share his or her own story of obsession and recovery and will answer questions. This is also, frankly, a time in which persons will be screened who are merely curiosity seekers or are otherwise not seeking sexual sobriety.

After this face to face meeting the member will inform the inquirer of the group meeting site which is not made public, and is not identified as a meeting of S.A to anyone outside the group. The inquirer will be accompanied to the meeting by the person who met privately with him or her. Members may chose to identify themselves only with a first name.

Some inquirers may not wish to leave their name and phone number on the local answering line. These persons may contact the national office by calling (615) 331-6230 and volunteers there will assist by answering questions, sending literature, putting you in touch with local members who have agreed to be points of contact. If you wish to correspond with the local chapter, you may do so by addressing your correspondence to the address above, and it will be forwarded to us.

Please note that we have no paid staff, and that the local phone answering service is monitored by members who rotate this responsibility, so there may be a delay between the inquiry and receiving a response.

Finally, if it will help facilitate a referral, one or more of our members will meet with you or with both you and the inquirer in your office or other suitable place. If you initiate the contact with us through either of the methods above, identify yourself as a pastor calling on the behalf of an inquirer.

Enclosed is some printed materials which may be helpful to you or the inquirer. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Savannah S.A.