

ABOUT AMERICAN RIVER ALANO

The American River Alano is an all volunteer organization dedicated to the support of 12 step recovery programs in our community. The American River Alano was incorporated under California law as a Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation, Number C18918151, in 1994, received its tax exempt status under IRS Code 501 (c) (3) in 1995 and began its operations in October of 2002.

More than five years we have been committed to providing a facility for 12 step recovery programs like Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Narcotic's Anonymous, Overeater's Anonymous, Nicotine Anonymous. We now have an Ala-teen 12 step recovery group, for young people with an alcoholic family member or friend.

The American River Alano provides a valuable service to our community. Every week it provides facilities for 32 meetings for 12 step recovery programs. Additionally, every year the American River Alano services more and more individuals in need of 12 step recovery programs. Twelve step meetings are offered to the public - morning, noon and night, every day of the week at the American River Alano.

We believe that there is a clear cost benefit to our community for the important services offered to individuals in our area through the American River Alano. To quote one of AA's pamphlets, Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?, "Many organizations, corporations, unions and governmental agencies have established programs to work with employees whose personal problems have affected their job performance and their families. Labor and management are increasingly aware of the disease of alcoholism and its high financial and human costs, and recognize the benefits of helping their employees." It goes on to state that, "more than two million recovered alcoholics now are living comfortable and productive lives without alcohol...with the help of more than 59,000 groups of AA in the United States and Canada." Please help us to be able to continue to help those in our community who are suffering and in need of 12 step recovery programs.

Individuals find hope through recovery, they can begin to put their broken lives back together. Many recovering addicts and alcoholics, along with their families, become productive and useful members of society because of the help they receive through the meetings at the American River Alano.

The problem we are experiencing is that we are growing in the numbers of people we service every year. Consequently, we have moved three times in the last five years. Our goal is to own a building in which the American River Alano could finally call a home and provide for some stability in location for these important services. Accomplishing this goal would insure that generations of alcoholics, addicts, smokers and overeaters along with their families in our community would have a place to seek help and to recover at no charge to the affected individuals.