## NJGS - AREA 44 TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE "BRIDGING THE GAP" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Area 44 Treatment Committee needs AA's with a year or more of sobriety as Temporary Contacts in the Area "Bridging the Gap" Program.

As a Temporary Contact you'll meet with a still-suffering alcoholic who is in or just discharged from a treatment facility or outpatient program. Your commitment will help the newcomer safely across the chasm which separates the facility's controlled environment from AA's open door.

Temporary Contacts may visit newcomers before they leave the facility. You may provide conference-approved AA Literature and a local meeting list. These publications are available from your District Treatment Committee representative.

If possible, you may take the new member to meetings before his/her discharge, and most certainly after that date, especially on his/her first day back in the community. You'll introduce your new friend to as many AA's as possible, and see that he/she acquires a list of phone numbers to call when the need arises. In all your discussions, you will guide the newcomer toward a Home Group and more permanent Sponsorship.

Whenever feasible," Bridging-the-Gap" Temporary Contacts will be matched with potential members by sex, age grouping, and Zip Code. Our volunteer listings may be made available to District and Area Treatment Committees. YOUR NEXT 12<sup>th</sup> STEP CALL MAY COME FROM ANY OF THESE SOURCES.

Full Name	Phone	Town/City & Zip Code	Gender	Birth Year	e-mail address
	Number				

Please return this form to the Bridging the Gap Coordinator btg@nniaa.org