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## TRUSTEES ISSUE STATEMENT ON FUND RAISING

At a special meeting on September 10, 1946, the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation, through their Policy Committee, issued the following statement as a press release and a bulletin to all A.A. members.

"It has come to our attention that several local and national organizations are soliciting contributions of money from the public through personal appeals and letters from which the public may infer sponsorship by Alcoholics Anonymous.

"In view of this fact, we feel that a restatement of our policy in regard to such matters is necessary at this time.

"No individual or special group of individuals has been or will be authorized to solicit funds under the sponsorship or with the sanction of the General Headquarters of Alcoholics Anonymous or The Alcoholic Foundation.

"In view of this policy, Alcoholics Anonymous not only fails to endorse the present solicitations of funds but looks with disfavor on the unauthorized use of its name in any fund raising activity.

"ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

By:

The Trustees of  
The Alcoholic Foundation.

"Bill and Dr. Bob have asked us to urge secretaries of all groups to make certain that each member is familiar with the tradition and policy of Alcoholics Anonymous as expressed in the Trustees' statement. *Please read it to your group at one or more of its meetings; post it on the bulletin board if practical.*"