

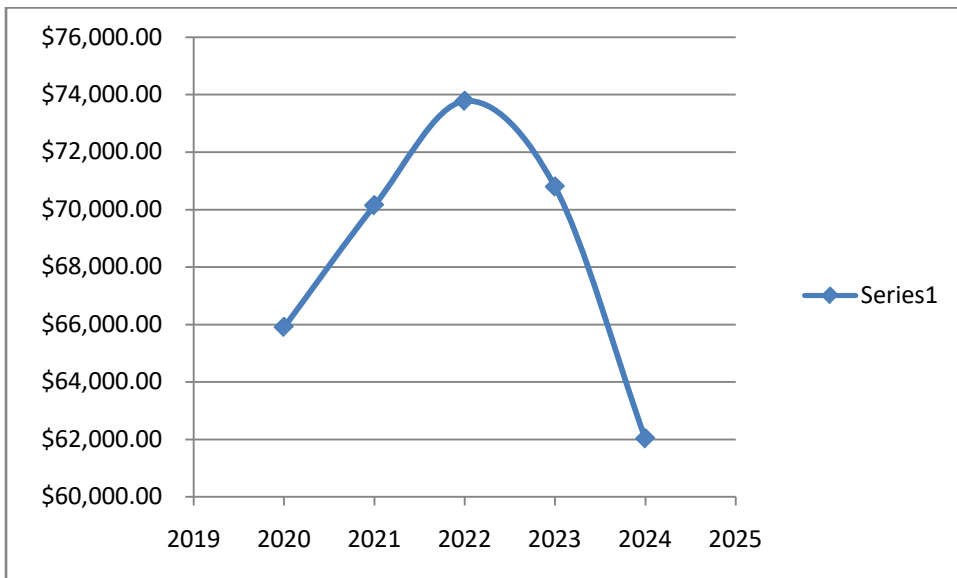
Looking back at 2024 – from your financial chairperson

Dear Fellowship,

As this year comes to a close I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge all of those groups and individuals that have contributed to Buffalo Intergroup throughout the year. Your contributions help fund essential 12th Step services, including running Central Office, selling A.A. literature, publishing a meeting schedule, bringing meetings and literature into treatment centers and maintaining a website. Imagine what our Fellowship would look like without these services.

2024 has been a financially challenging year for Buffalo Intergroup. Individual and group contributions have been considerably less than in the past. As of December 9th, 2024, we have seen a 16% decrease in contributions from groups and individuals as compared to 2022. This graph has been prepared to show you some of the changes in group and individual contributions throughout the past few years.

Yearly Contribution Totals for Groups and Individuals



Intergroup is taking significant steps to decrease our expenses and planning a more conservative approach for our 2025 budget. As of this year, Terry and myself have worked towards lowering our expenses by approximately \$10,000 through eliminating phone book advertising (\$2,500), reduction in health insurance costs (\$5,600) and continuing to stretch the life of the central office copier so that we do not incur the approximately \$2000 yearly leasing costs of a new copier (and trust me, we need one badly).

But wait! It's not all doom and gloom! We have also this year continued some old initiatives and started new ones to try and make sure that we are utilizing the donations given towards our primary purpose of carrying the message of alcoholics anonymous. Some of the highlights from this year are:

- We continue to lower the price of big books in all varieties by \$1 dollar to offset the continually rising prices from World Service. I know it doesn't sound like much, but this past year alone we sold 1,279 big books, so that dollar off that we eat has cost use \$1,279 this year alone.
- The Buffalo Intergroup held a day of sharing and service fair that brought together all the sub-committees of both Buffalo Intergroup and GSA. It was a wonderful event with great speakers, great presentations from the various committees and (hopefully) great food at no cost to the attendees.
- A new motion was passed to offer a starting literature bundle to all new groups that send a rep to intergroup. Each bundle is valued over \$100 and contains a literature rack stocked with pamphlets, 2 hardcover big books and multiple schedules.

Intergroup depends on contributions from groups and individuals to ensure we are here tomorrow for the alcoholic who still suffers.

We are very grateful to those who are already contributing! We'd kindly ask you to consider digging a little deeper if you can. Thank you for your consideration and support!

What You Can Do As An A.A. Member

- Sign up for our envelope system and contribute monthly to support Intergroup.
- At any A.A. meetings you attend, if you can spare it, please consider putting a few dollars in the basket to make sure that our groups can continue to function as well as support the Buffalo Intergroup and GSA.
- Visit www.buffaloany.org/7th-tradition and contribute up to \$7,500 (in keeping with AAWS contribution limits).

Information For Group Treasurers

Contributions to Buffalo Intergroup can be made the following ways:

- Mailing a check or money order to the Buffalo Central Office. Make sure that if you want to donate to treatment or corrections it is stated on the check as they are separate accounts from the general account.
- Through the central office website under the 7th tradition tab using a credit or debit card.
- Or drop by Central Office in person to contribute with cash!

Thank you for all of your contributions this past year and also thank you for allowing me to be of service.

-Nick M.; Financial Secretary

