The Mother of an Addict

A glimpse of what our families go through during our addictions.
Even at our very worst, they never stopped loving us and never stopped praying....we owe them the world. We owe them our continued recovery.
I am the Mother of an Addict.

This is not like being the mother of a child with cancer, diabetes, or aids.
This is not like being the mother of a child who is serving with honor in a foreign land.
This is not like being the mother of a child who lives no more and is mourned by all.

I am the Mother of an Addict.
There are no marathons or fund rais-ers for this disease, no sweet girls selling cookies.
There are no flags flying, or bumper stickers to proudly acknowledge my child's deeds.
There are only tears and silent screams, dread of what the next knock or phone call brings.

I am the Mother of an Addict.
I see my child and I am not glad, for though I ache to save my child, with relief I let them go
I see my child with fear and suspicion, as I hear all they say and I can’t but endlessly hope.
I see my child and wonder will I ever know them again, hold them again, see them again?

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They say it is not my fault, that I did nothing wrong, there's little I can do
They say it is not my child's fault, just a disease of disgrace, with no pity, no cure.
They say be strong, but my life stands still and my friends and relatives move on.

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I watch the rest of my family suffer with sorrow and pain through the addiction.
I watch the evening news and cringe as another mothers addict child is arrested and called scum.
I watch a young man beg for change, for food and know he could be my own.

I am the Mother of an Addict
I remember the smiles and look at pictures of my sweet little child.
I remember the hugs, and kisses, the scrapped knees, the soccer games.
I remember their plans, their goals, their hopes and dreams.

I am the Mother of an Addict.
I look for my child to come home, to call, and so I do not sleep.
I look for my child to find the strength to battle this terrible disease.
I look for solace, for help, for a cure and I grasp at what straws of promise I can.

I am the Mother of an Addict
And I hope, in endless hope for a future free from drugs
And I hope in restless sleep of a way out of this nightmare.
And I hope, and I pray, and I cry, and I plead, but always I love my child.

~Debbie
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I am smarter than you and I am in control.
Family, friends, and loved ones they won’t matter anymore,
I’ll take everything you got and still want something more.
I was there for you in the good times but mostly in the bad,
I’ve made you feel so happy but in the end you was always sad.
You will lie to everyone and say that I ain’t real,
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I come in many forms, and shapes, and sizes,
Then following comes denial, deceit, and lies.
I will turn you from everyone that tries to take you from me.
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Dear Addy,
I have had instances where people have found out I belong to NA and they proceed to ask if I know someone they happen to know. What is the best way to address that with someone who is asking to keep said person’s anonymity?
Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
The best answer you can give comes from our steps and Traditions. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all Traditions ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. Just tell them that our program is based on certain Traditions and principles and that we do not discuss who we know in the program or what we discuss at our meetings.

-Addy

Dear Addy,
I have met a few “old-timers” since I been coming to meetings. Even though they don’t have to get their sheet signed or are ordered to attend meetings, they still come to meetings on a regular basis. Why is attending meetings regularly so important?
Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
Meeting attendance allows us to be in contact with the very people that can help us. The “old-timers” you speak of are still just recovering addicts. They have only a day to day reprieve from using as any other addict. The choice they make to stay clean today may be easier because of repetition but they still can make bad choices and can find themselves wanting to use. Regular meeting attendance allows recovering addicts a place to relieve themselves of the disease of addiction. It allows them a place to share and to be of service to others. Regular meeting attendance keeps the disease arrested and allows us freedom to recover.

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**Upcoming Events**

It’s always best to get your events and announcements in early so we may print them and let the fellowship know what’s going on and to show that we do have fun without using. Any picnics, socials, open talks,...any activities at all send them to: macombmiracles@yahoo.com

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**MACNA Sub-Committee Meeting**

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