

# 2018 HERNANDO COUNTY INTERGROUP FINANCIAL AUDIT

The Hernando County Intergroup Chairperson asked for three volunteers to sit on the audit committee to conduct the 2018 financial audit of all financial records and practices within the Hernando County Intergroup Office.

The 2018 Hernando County Intergroup Audit Committee found that there was absolutely no evidence to support claims that the Intergroup Office misused funds and there was no evidence to support any claims that proper financial procedures were not being followed. The committee completed an exhaustive review of all receipts, bank statements, deposits, notes, records and documentation related to all financial matters involving the Intergroup Office. The committee was provided with open access to all information and any requests for additional documentation was immediately provided. The committee posed verbal questions regarding procedures within the office as it related to financial matters and all questions were answered promptly and to the absolute satisfaction of the committee.

The records, including receipts and financial transactions, were voluminous. They were kept in an extremely organized and meticulous fashion. On a weekly basis a plethora of business is conducted within the Intergroup office to include donations, sales and ordering supplies and material for purchase. The committee was impressed with how organized all documentation was in light of the large number of transactions that occur. This is especially so because the office does not have the luxury of paying a professional bookkeeper nor the funds with which to employ a paid full time office manager. In fact, since the allegations of financial impropriety were raised in 2017, the Intergroup Office has lost over \$2000.00 in donations in the year 2018.

With all of the aforementioned, during this entire audit process, beginning in 2017, there has been much conflict and many personal attacks lodged against many members within our AA community. Principles have often not been placed before personalities. It is the committee's hope that this comprehensive and complete audit will put to rest any further dissension, criticism and conflict.

The committee would be remiss without stating that the Intergroup Office manager has endured boisterous questioning and criticism and the audit reflects that the Intergroup Office manager volunteers beyond what can be expected and has allowed this County to continue to provide the AA community with a place to call 24 hours a day for help, a place to visit when another AA needs connection, a place to purchase much needed material for groups, prisons, jails and as gifts for anniversaries. Many shifts go unmanned yet the Office manager has still been able to keep the doors of Intergroup open and the phones answered. The committee would like to extend its gratitude for the selfless service work provided by all who volunteer but most especially to Laurie Campbell who has continued to offer service to AA notwithstanding the conflict that has occurred.