



## CODATEEN WELCOME (Short Version)<sup>1</sup>

### The Welcome of Co-Dependents Anonymous

*(Italicized words in red do not appear in the Preamble of Co-Dependents Anonymous)*

We welcome you to **CoDAteen, a part of** Co-Dependents Anonymous - a program of recovery from codependence, where each of us may share our experience, strength, and hope in our efforts to find freedom where there has been bondage, and peace where there has been turmoil in our relationships with others and ourselves.

Codependence is a deeply-rooted, compulsive behavior. It is born out of our sometimes moderately, sometimes extremely dysfunctional families and other systems. We attempted to use others as our sole source of identity, value, well-being, and as a way of trying to restore our emotional losses. Our histories may include other powerful addictions which we have used to cope with our codependency.

We have all learned to survive life, but in **CoDAteen** we are learning to live life. Through applying the Twelve Steps and principles found in CoDA to our daily lives and relationships, both present and past, we can experience a new freedom from our self-defeating lifestyles. Our sharing helps us to free the emotional bonds of our past and the compulsive control of our present.

No matter how traumatic your past or despairing your present may seem, there is hope for a new day in the program of **CoDAteen and** Co-Dependents Anonymous. May you find a new strength within to be that which God intended - Precious and Free.

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