

# TEN WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED

## **1. Become an ASA Member (or Renew Your Membership)**

Join and encourage others to sign up to be members of ASA, let them know all the great resources available through ASA, our accomplishments, and the goals we are working toward to help secure patients' rights. We couldn't have come this far without you!

## **2. Sign up for ASA Email Alerts**

This is the best way to be sure you get up-to-date announcements, actions, and to find out about upcoming ASA events.

## **3. Join a Chapter**

If there is not one that exists in your area, start one! Check out ASA's organizer handbook for all the details on how to start your own chapter, become an affiliate of ASA, start an ASA Action group, or to become an ASA ambassador.

## **4. Volunteer or Become an Intern**

ASA is always looking for people who want to share their skills! What can you do to help? Give us a call, we'd love to hear from you. Email [info@safeaccessnow.org](mailto:info@safeaccessnow.org) or call toll free (888) 929-4367.

## **5. Throw a Party**

Host an event or house party, and donate the money raised to ASA. This is a great way to have fun, educate people about medical cannabis, and raise money for a noble cause.

## **6. Write to POW's**

Unfortunately, even though the Department of Justice has made it clear that it is a waste of resources prosecute legitimate medical cannabis patients and providers, there are still

dozens of people in jail, prison, or federal penitentiaries for their use of cannabis. Make sure they know they are supported, write them a letter, send a holiday card, or put money into their commissary account. Wouldn't you want the same if you were in their shoes?

## **7. Support Defendants**

Help build court support for patients facing charges regarding their medical cannabis use. Dress up, bring your friends, show up for state and federal cases to help show community support for these patients.

## **8. Build an Emergency Response Plan**

Sign up for text alerts! Find out as soon as ASA confirms a DEA raid at a medical cannabis dispensary while the raid is still occurring. It's also important to prepare a plan for a raid in your community: Who is going to speak to media? Who can bring cameras or video cameras? Set up a phone tree to communicate with patients who do not have internet access.

## **9. Write to Your Local Newspaper**

Writing a letter to the editor is a great way to keep your community updated on research, current issues, or actions that relate to medical cannabis. It is especially important to respond when there are negative stories that could impact local patient access.

## **10. Organize a Lobby Day**

Set up a day to organize patients, caregivers, and supporters to visit with their elected officials. This is a great opportunity to educate County Supervisors, City Councilmembers, state, or federal representatives on current laws & research related to cannabis.