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The Five Star Advocate Guide

Your CRM Companion & Success Manual

A Resource of the Five Star Referral Network

Built on Faith, Trust, and Purpose

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Welcome Letter from the Founder

> "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
>
> — Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Friend and Fellow Advocate,

Welcome. I want you to know that the fact you are holding this guide — the fact that you are reading these words right now — is not an accident. God has a way of placing people exactly where they need to be, and I believe He has placed you here for a reason.

The Five Star Referral Network was born from a simple but powerful conviction: people deserve to be connected with professionals they can truly trust. I watched too many friends, family members, and neighbors struggle through some of life's most important decisions — buying a home, planning for retirement, navigating a legal matter, protecting their family with the right insurance — and feel completely alone. They didn't know who to call. They didn't know who to trust. They were overwhelmed by choices, bombarded by advertisements, and left hoping that whoever they found would actually care about them as a person, not just a transaction.

That broke my heart. And it lit a fire in me.

I knew there had to be a better way. I knew there were incredible professionals out there — people of integrity, people of faith, people who genuinely put their clients first — who were doing extraordinary work but getting lost in the noise. And I knew there were people in every community — people like you — who were natural connectors. People who loved others well. People who, when a friend said, "I need a good financial advisor," didn't just shrug and say, "Google it." They said, "Let me introduce you to someone I trust."

That is the heartbeat of the Five Star Referral Network. It was not built on commissions or quotas. It was built on the belief that when you serve others with integrity — when you genuinely care about connecting people to the right help at the right time — God multiplies the impact in ways you cannot imagine. Every introduction you make is a seed planted. Every relationship you nurture is a testimony of faithfulness. Every follow-up is an act of stewardship.

This guide is your companion for the journey. Part I will walk you through the practical tools — your Groundhogg CRM, the system we use to steward the relationships God entrusts to us. Part II goes deeper — into the heart, the habits, and the calling of a Five Star Advocate. Together, they will equip you for something that I believe will change your life as much as it changes the lives of the people you serve.

You are not just joining a network. You are answering a calling. You are stepping into a role that has the power to be the bridge between someone's need and God's provision through a trusted professional. That is sacred work. And I am honored to walk alongside you.

Welcome to the Five Star family. Let's get started.

With gratitude and purpose,

Steve Eisenhauer

Five Star Referral Network

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to be your go-to companion — the resource you keep close as you step into your role as a Five Star Advocate. It is organized into two parts, each serving a distinct purpose in your journey.

Part I: Your Groundhogg CRM Companion is your practical, hands-on training for the Groundhogg CRM — the system we use to steward our contacts, track introductions, manage follow-ups, and keep our relational ministry organized. If you are brand new, start here. Work through each chapter in order, logging in to Groundhogg as you go, and practice each step. Within a few sessions, the CRM will feel like second nature. This section is also a reference you can return to anytime you need a refresher on how to do something specific.

Part II: The Five Star Advocate Success Manual is the heart of the guide. It covers who you are as an Advocate, how to identify opportunities to serve, how to make introductions that matter, and how to build a thriving relationship network rooted in faith and integrity. Read it cover to cover during your first week, and revisit individual chapters as you grow. This is where the "why" behind everything comes alive.

You do not need to master everything on day one. Give yourself grace. Use the **90-Day Advocate Launch Plan** in Chapter 12 as your roadmap, and lean on the Quick Reference Card in the back matter for your daily routines. Most importantly, remember that this is not about perfection — it is about faithfulness. Show up, serve others, and trust God with the results.

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PART I

Your Groundhogg CRM Companion

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

— Colossians 3:23

Chapter 1: Getting Started — Your First Steps in Groundhogg

> "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."
>
> — Lao Tzu

Every great calling begins with a first step. Right now, you may be looking at your Groundhogg CRM and thinking, *Where do I even begin?* Take a breath. This is simpler than you think, and I am going to walk you through every piece of it. Think of Groundhogg as your ministry command center — the place where you organize the relationships God has entrusted to you so that no one falls through the cracks. It is not about technology; it is about stewardship.

Logging In to Groundhogg

Your Groundhogg CRM lives within the Five Star WordPress website. Here is how to access it:

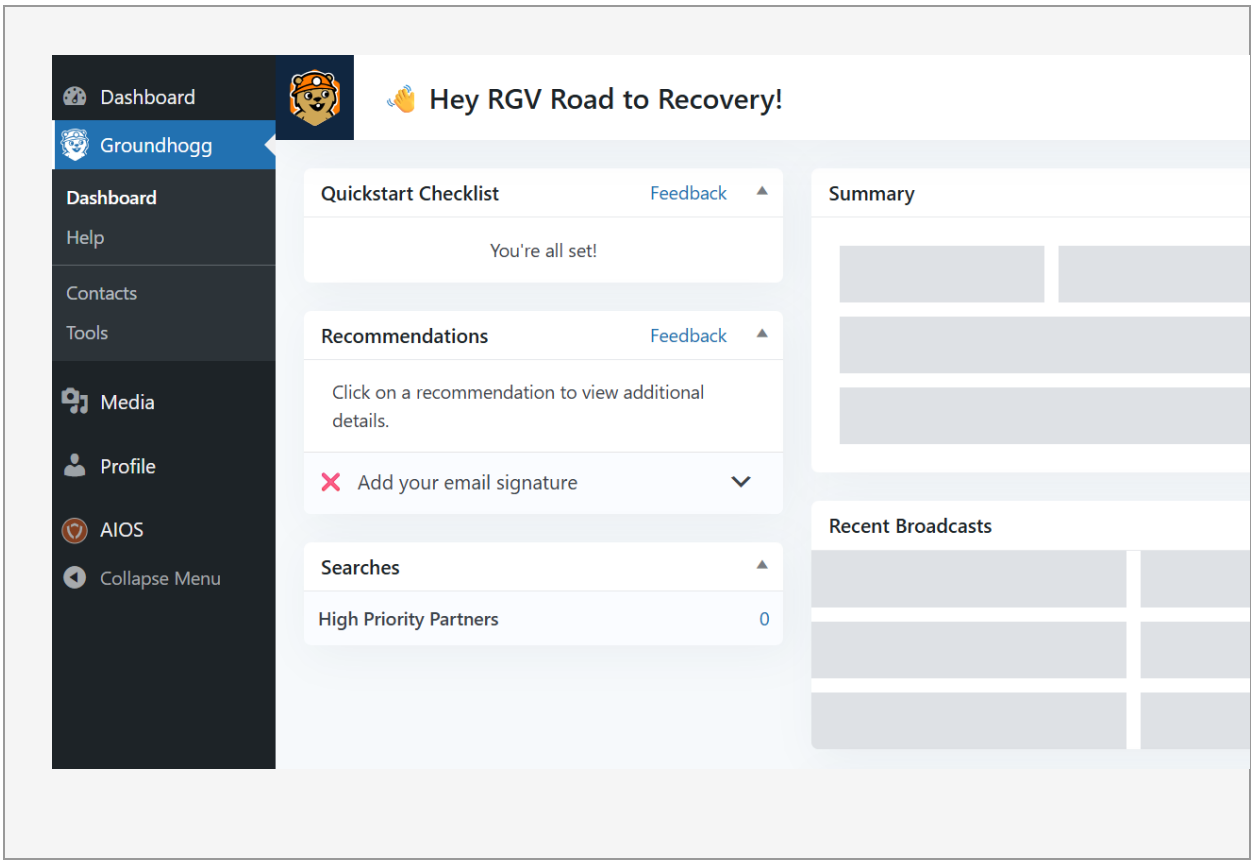
1. **Open your web browser.** Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or Safari all work well.
2. **Navigate to the Five Star website login page.** Your team leader will provide you with the exact URL. fivestarrefer.com/*wp-admin*
3. **Enter your username and password.** These were provided to you when your account was created. If you have not received them, reach out to your Five Star administrator.
4. **Click "Log In."** You will be taken to the WordPress Dashboard.
5. **Look for the Groundhogg menu** in the left-side navigation panel. Click on it to enter your CRM.

★ Five Star Tip

Bookmark the login page in your browser so you can access it with a single click each morning. Make Groundhogg part of your daily rhythm, just like your morning coffee and prayer time.

A Guided Tour of the Dashboard

When you first log in to Groundhogg, you will land on your Dashboard. This is your home base — a snapshot of what needs your attention today.



Here is what you will see on the Dashboard:

- **Quick Stats:** A summary of your contact count, recent activity, and pipeline status.
- **Upcoming Tasks:** Any follow-ups or action items assigned to you.
- **Recent Activity Feed:** A timeline of recent changes and updates to your contacts.
- **Quick Links:** Shortcuts to your most-used areas like Contacts and Pipeline.

Understanding the Left-Side Navigation Menu

The left-side navigation panel is your roadmap through Groundhogg. As an Advocate, here are the key areas you will use:

Menu Item	What It Does	How Often You Will Use It
Dashboard	Your home screen — overview of activity and tasks	Daily
Contacts	View, search, and manage all your contacts	Daily
Pipeline	Track the journey of your referrals through stages	Daily / Weekly
Tasks	Your to-do list of follow-ups and action items	Daily

Setting Up Your User Profile

Before you dive into your contacts and pipeline, take a moment to set up your profile. This ensures that when notes and activities are logged, they are properly attributed to you.

6. **Click on your name** in the top-right corner of the WordPress admin bar.
7. **Select "Edit Profile"** from the dropdown menu.
8. **Verify your display name, email, and contact information** are correct.
9. **Click "Update Profile"** at the bottom of the page to save your changes.

Quick-Start Checklist: Your First 15 Minutes

Here are the five things to do in your first 15 minutes after logging in for the very first time:

☐	Action	Time
☐	Log in and explore the Dashboard	2 min
☐	Set up your user profile	3 min
☐	Navigate to Contacts and browse the list	3 min
☐	Open the Pipeline view and review the stages	3 min

☐	Action	Time
☐	Check your Tasks list for any initial items	2 min

★ Five Star Principle

Stewardship begins with organization. When your CRM is in order, your ministry of connection runs smoothly. A well-kept CRM is a reflection of a well-kept heart for the people you serve.

Chapter 2: Your Contacts — The People You Serve

> "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
>
> — 1 Peter 4:10

Behind every record in your CRM is a real person — someone with real needs, real worries, and real hopes. When you open your Contacts screen, I want you to see more than names and email addresses. I want you to see the neighbor who is terrified about selling her first home. The young couple trying to figure out life insurance for the first time. The small business owner who needs a trustworthy accountant but does not know where to start. These are the people you serve. This is your mission field.

Navigating to the Contacts Screen

10. **Click "Contacts"** in the left-side navigation menu of Groundhogg.
11. The **Contacts List View** will appear, showing all the contacts in your system.

[Screenshot: Contacts List View — your directory of the people you serve]

Understanding What You See

The Contacts List View displays your contacts in a table format. Here is what each column means:

Column	What It Shows
Name	The contact's first and last name

Column	What It Shows
Email	Their email address
Phone	Their phone number
Tags	Labels the system applies to organize contacts (you can see them but do not need to create or edit them)

Searching and Filtering Contacts

As your contact list grows, you will need to find specific people quickly. Groundhogg makes this easy.

12. **Use the Search Bar** at the top of the Contacts screen. Type a name, email address, or phone number to find a specific contact instantly.
13. **Use Filters** to narrow your list. You can filter by tags, date added, or other criteria. Click the filter options near the top of the screen to explore what is available.

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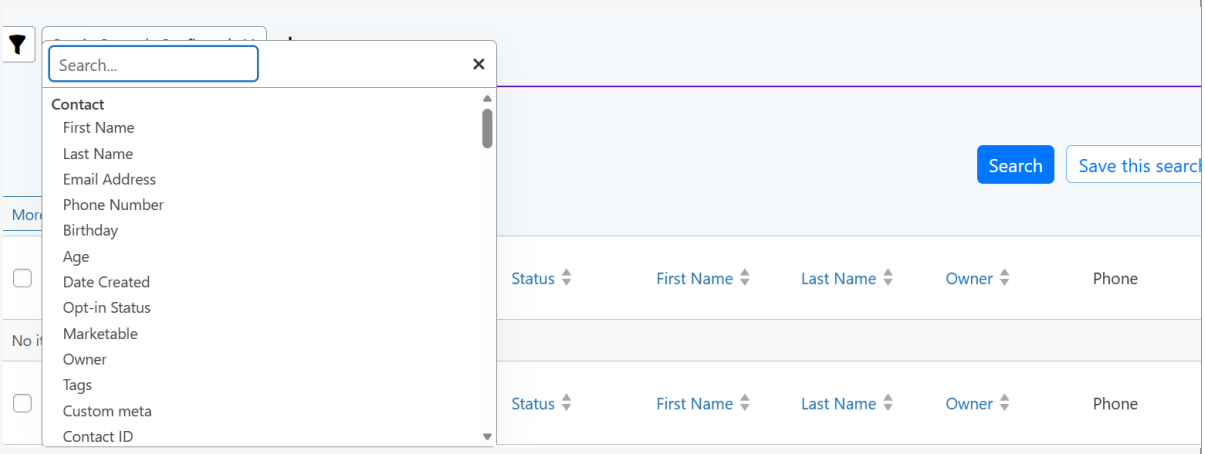

Contact Search Bar and Filters — finding the right person quickly]

Opening a Contact Record — The Contact Profile Page

When you click on a contact's name, you will open their **Contact Profile Page**. This is where the full picture of your relationship with this person comes to life.

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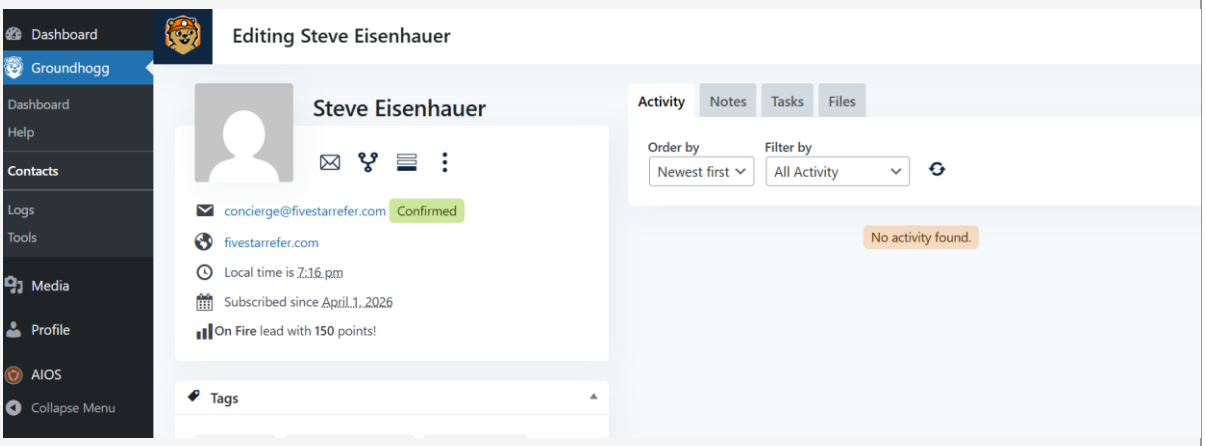

shot: Individual Contact Record — the full view of a person you serve]

Here is what each section of the contact record contains:

Basic Information

The top section shows the contact's name, email address, phone number, and mailing address. This is the essential information you need to reach them.

Tags Applied

Tags are labels that the system uses to categorize and organize contacts. You will see tags displayed on the contact record, and they provide valuable context. You do not need to create or edit tags — that has been done for you. Here are some common tags and what they mean:

Tag	What It Means
Advocate-Referred	This person was referred into the network by an Advocate
Partner-Connected	This person has been connected with a Five Star Partner
Follow-Up-Needed	This person requires a follow-up check-in from you
Five-Star-Complete	The referral process has been completed successfully

Activity History / Notes Timeline

Below the basic info, you will see a timeline of all activity related to this contact — notes that have been added, emails sent, pipeline changes, and more. This is your relationship memory. It tells the story of your connection with this person over time.

Pipeline Stage

If this contact is part of an active referral, you will see their current pipeline stage displayed on the record. This tells you exactly where they are in the referral journey (more on this in Chapter 4).

How to Add a Note to a Contact Record

Adding notes is one of the most important things you will do in Groundhogg. Notes are how you document conversations, record needs, and track the progress of your relationship. Here is how:

14. **Open the contact record** by clicking the contact's name in the Contacts list.
15. **Scroll to the Notes section** of the contact profile.
16. **Click "Add Note"** or the note input field.
17. **Type your note.** Include the date, what you discussed, any needs identified, and any next steps.
18. **Click "Save"** to add the note to the contact's timeline.

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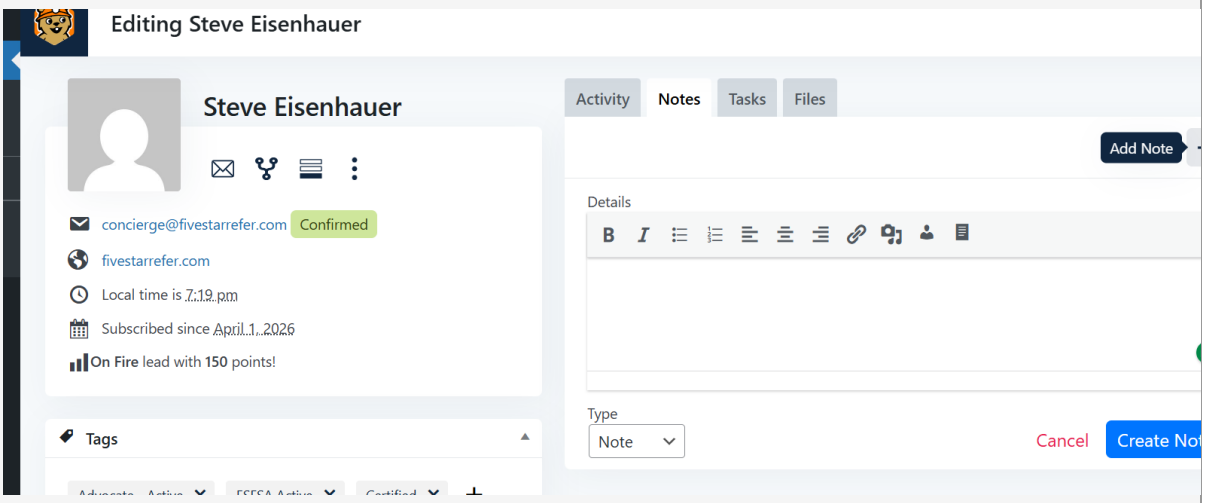


a Note to a Contact — documenting the relationship]

How to Update Basic Contact Information

People move. They change phone numbers and email addresses. Keeping contact information current is an act of care. To update a contact's information:

19. **Open the contact record.**
20. **Click on the field you want to update** (name, email, phone, or address).
21. **Make your changes.**
22. **Click "Update Contact"** or "Save" to confirm.

★ Five Star Principle

Stewardship of your contact list is stewardship of relationships. An outdated record is a missed opportunity to serve. Keep your contacts current as an expression of the care you have for each person.

Chapter 3: Recording Referrals and Introductions

> "The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor."
>
> — 1 Corinthians 3:8

Every introduction you make is a seed planted. Some seeds sprout quickly — a friend meets a Five Star Partner and their need is met within days. Others take time — a relationship is nurtured, trust is built, and months later, the connection bears fruit. Either way, the planting matters. And recording that planting — documenting the introduction in your CRM — matters just as much. This is how we track God's work through the network. This is how we steward the trust people place in us.

The Five Star Referral Process

The process is beautifully simple. Here is the flow:

23. **You identify a need.** Through conversation, observation, or a direct request, you recognize that someone needs help from a trusted professional.
24. **You make an introduction.** You connect the person with the right Five Star Partner — someone you trust to deliver a five-star experience.
25. **You log it in Groundhogg.** You record the introduction in the CRM so it can be tracked, followed up on, and celebrated.

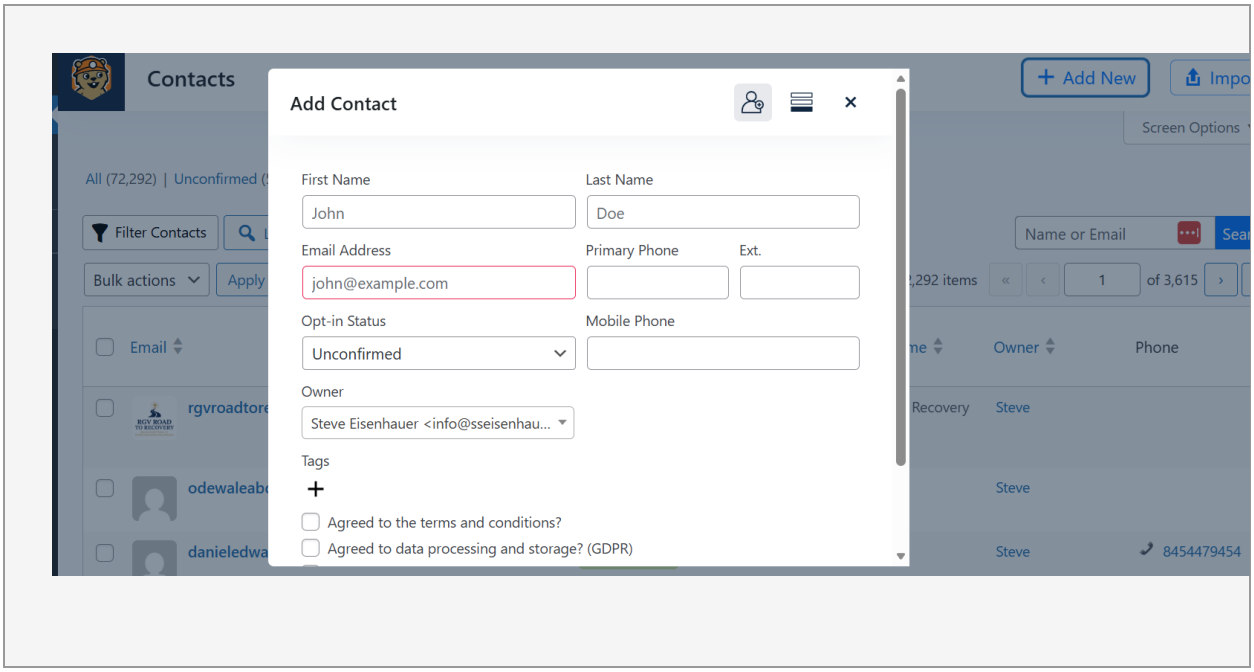
Step-by-Step: Logging a New Referral in Groundhogg

Adding a New Contact (If Needed)

If the person you are introducing is not already in Groundhogg, you will need to add them first.

26. **Navigate to Contacts** in the left-side menu.

27. **Click "Add New"** or the "Add Contact" button at the top of the screen.
28. **Fill in the contact form:** First name, last name, email address, and phone number at a minimum.
29. **Click "Add Contact"** to save the new record.



Documenting the Introduction

Once the contact exists in Groundhogg, document the introduction by adding a detailed note:

30. **Open the contact record** for the person you introduced.
31. **Navigate to the Notes section.**
32. **Add a note** using the referral note template below.
33. **Save the note.** The system will track the referral from here — the pipeline will move the referral forward automatically as the Partner engages.

Referral Note Template

Use this template every time you log an introduction. Consistency in your notes makes follow-up easier and creates a clear record of God's work through the network:

Referral Note Template

Date: _____

Referred: [Person's Name]

To: [Five Star Partner Name]

Service Need: [Type of service – e.g., Home Purchase, Life Insurance, Estate Planning]

Context: [How the need was identified – e.g., "Mentioned during a coffee meeting that they are planning to sell their home"]

Follow-Up By: [Date – typically 48 hours after introduction]

Why Logging Every Introduction Matters

You might wonder, *Is it really necessary to log every single introduction?* The answer is an emphatic yes. Here is why:

- **Accountability:** A logged referral is one that gets followed up on. An unlogged referral risks being forgotten.
- **Follow-Up:** Your CRM reminders are only as good as the data you put in. Log the introduction, and the system works for you.
- **Celebrating God's Work:** When you look back at a month of logged introductions and see how many people were connected with trusted help, you are witnessing a testimony. That record is a monument to faithful service.
- **Network Health:** The Five Star leadership team uses aggregated referral data to ensure Partners are delivering five-star experiences. Your logs contribute to the integrity of the entire network.

★ Five Star Principle

Every introduction you log is a testimony written in real time. Months from now, you will look back and see the fingerprints of God on each connection you made. Your CRM is not just a database — it is a record of faithfulness.

Chapter 4: Using the Pipeline — Tracking Referral Progress (Currently Not Available)

> "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
>
> — Galatians 6:9

There is a beautiful metaphor at the heart of the Pipeline view: you are watching seeds grow. When you made the introduction, you planted something. Now, through the Pipeline, you get to watch that seed be watered, nurtured, and — God willing — bear fruit. The Pipeline is your visual map of every referral's journey from introduction to completion. It helps you see where things stand, where attention is needed, and where to celebrate.

What the Pipeline View Shows You

The Pipeline view presents your referrals as cards arranged across visual stages — like a board where each column represents a phase of the referral journey. At a glance, you can see how many referrals are in each stage and which ones need your attention.

[Screenshot: Pipeline Board View — watching your referrals grow through each stage]

Understanding the Pipeline Stages

The Five Star Pipeline is organized into the following stages. Each stage represents a meaningful step in the journey from introduction to a completed five-star experience:

Stage	What It Means	Your Role
New Referral / Introduction Made	You have made the introduction and logged it	Confirm the Partner received the referral
Initial Contact by Partner	The Five Star Partner has reached out to the person	Check in with both parties to ensure the connection was made
Consultation / Meeting Scheduled	A meeting or consultation has been set up	Send a brief encouraging note to the person you referred
Service in Progress	The Partner is actively serving the person's need	Stay available if questions arise; pray for a great outcome
Completed / Five Star Experience Delivered	The service has been completed successfully	Follow up, celebrate, and ask for a testimonial
Follow-Up / Testimonial	Post-completion follow-up and testimonial collection	Gather feedback, thank both parties, document the win

How to View Where Your Referrals Stand

1. **Navigate to Pipeline** in the left-side menu.
2. **Review the board.** Each column represents a stage, and each card represents a referral. Cards show the contact name and key details.
3. **Click on any card** to see the full details of that referral, including notes, the Partner involved, and the timeline of activity.

Moving a Referral to the Next Stage

As your referral progresses, you can update its stage in the Pipeline:

4. **Locate the referral card** on the Pipeline board.
5. **Drag the card** from its current column to the next stage column. Alternatively, click on the card, and use the stage dropdown to select the new stage.
6. **Add a note** explaining the update (e.g., "Partner confirmed initial contact was made on 4/28").

[Screenshot: Moving a Contact in the Pipeline — advancing a referral to the next stage]

When a Referral Stalls

Not every referral moves forward quickly, and that is okay. Sometimes life gets busy, timing is off, or a person needs more time to make a decision. When you notice a referral sitting in the same stage for an extended period, here is what to do:

- **Check in with the person you referred.** A simple, caring message: "Hey, just thinking of you. How are things going with [Partner Name]?"
- **Check in with the Partner.** Ask if there is anything you can do to help move the conversation forward.
- **Pray.** Some referrals need time. Trust God's timing and remain faithful in your follow-up.
- **Add a note** to the contact record documenting your follow-up attempt.

★ Five Star Tip

Every completed referral is a testimony. When a referral card moves to the "Completed" stage, take a moment to thank God, thank the Partner, and thank the person who trusted you. These are the moments that make the Five Star Network extraordinary.

Chapter 5: Tasks and Follow-Ups — Your Daily Ministry Checklist

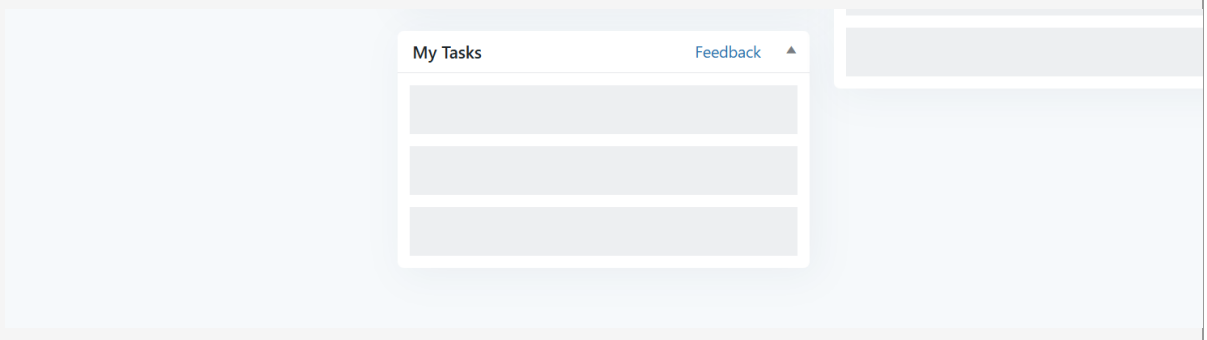
> "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."
>
> — Luke 16:10

Faithfulness in small things is the foundation of great impact. The follow-up call that only takes three minutes. The check-in text that takes thirty seconds. The task you complete today instead of putting off until tomorrow. These small acts of faithfulness, compounded over time, are what build a reputation of trustworthiness and a ministry of genuine care. Your Tasks list in Groundhogg is designed to make sure none of these small, sacred acts fall through the cracks.

Where to Find Your Tasks

7. **Click "Tasks"** in the left-side navigation menu (or look for a Tasks section on your Dashboard).
8. Your **Tasks List** will appear, showing all pending action items assigned to you.

[Screenshot: Tasks/T



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Understanding Task Types

Tasks in Groundhogg may include:

- **Follow-Up Calls:** Reminders to check in with someone you introduced to a Partner.
- **Check-In Messages:** Prompts to reach out to a contact for relationship nurturing.
- **Introduction Reminders:** Notes to yourself about a potential introduction you want to make.
- **System-Generated Tasks:** Automatic reminders created when a referral reaches a certain pipeline stage.

How to Mark a Task Complete

9. **Locate the task** in your Tasks list.
10. **Complete the action** — make the call, send the message, log the note.
11. **Click the checkbox or "Complete" button** next to the task to mark it done.
12. **Add a note to the related contact record** documenting what you did (optional but recommended).

How to Add a Personal Task or Reminder

You are not limited to system-generated tasks. You can create your own reminders at any time:

13. **Navigate to the Tasks screen.**
14. **Click "Add New Task"** or the equivalent button.
15. **Enter a description** of what you need to do (e.g., "Call Sarah to check on her home search").
16. **Set a due date** for when you need to complete it.
17. **Associate it with a contact** if applicable.
18. **Save the task.**

[Screenshot: Creating a New Task — setting a reminder for faithful follow-up]

The 48-Hour Follow-Up Principle

★ The 48-Hour Rule

Always follow up within 48 hours of making an introduction. This single habit separates good Advocates from exceptional ones. A quick check-in shows the person you referred that you genuinely care about their experience — and it shows the Partner that you are engaged and invested. Set a task in Groundhogg immediately after every introduction with a due date 48 hours out.

★ Five Star Principle

Proactive beats reactive — every time. The Advocate who checks their tasks each morning and follows up before being asked is the Advocate who earns lifelong trust. Do not wait for people to come to you. Go to them with care.

Chapter 6: Your Daily and Weekly CRM Routines

> "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."
>
> — Proverbs 16:3

Consistency is the secret ingredient of every successful Advocate. It is not the grand gestures that build trust — it is the daily faithfulness. The routines below are designed to keep you organized, proactive, and connected. They are not burdensome; they are liberating. When you know exactly what to do each day, each week, and each month, you free yourself from the stress of wondering whether you forgot something important. You can focus on what truly matters: the people.

Daily Routine: The "First Fifteen"

15 minutes each morning — before the busyness of the day takes over

☐	#	Action	Time
☐	1	Open Groundhogg and check your Dashboard for any new activity or alerts	2 min
☐	2	Review your Tasks list — address any follow-up reminders due today	3 min
☐	3	Check the Pipeline for any referrals that need attention or have moved stages	3 min
☐	4	Add notes for any conversations, introductions, or follow-ups from yesterday	4 min
☐	5	Pray over your contacts and the introductions ahead of you today	3 min

Weekly Routine: The "Friday Faithful Review"

Monthly Routine: The "Kingdom Impact Review"

Once a month — zoom out, celebrate, and set intentions

☐	#	Action
☐	1	Review your total referral activity for the month — how many introductions did you make?
☐	2	Celebrate wins — completed referrals, testimonials received, relationships deepened
☐	3	Identify gaps — contacts who need attention, referrals that have stalled
☐	4	Connect with your Five Star team for encouragement, accountability, and best-practice sharing
☐	5	Set prayerful intentions for the coming month — who will you serve? What seeds will you plant?

★ Five Star Principle

Routine is not the enemy of passion — it is the vehicle for it. When your habits are strong, your heart is free to focus on what matters most: the people in front of you. Build these routines and watch how God multiplies your faithfulness.

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PART II

The Five Star Advocate Success Manual

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

— Proverbs 27:17

Chapter 7: The Calling of a Five Star Advocate

> "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
>
> — Ephesians 2:10

I want to tell you something that I believe with every fiber of my being: what you are stepping into as a Five Star Advocate is not a job. It is not a side hustle. It is not a networking gimmick or a multi-level marketing scheme. It is a calling. A ministry. A sacred trust. And if you will let that truth sink deep into your heart, it will change the way you approach every conversation, every introduction, and every relationship for the rest of your life.

Let me take you back to where this all began. The Five Star Referral Network was born from a conviction that I could not shake — a conviction that became clearer with every conversation I had, every frustration I witnessed, and every prayer I lifted up about it. The conviction was this: *people are overwhelmed by choices, and they are desperate — truly desperate — for someone they can trust to point them in the right direction.*

Think about it. When was the last time you needed a professional — a financial advisor, a real estate agent, an attorney, a contractor — and felt completely confident in your choice? Most people do not. They Google. They read reviews that may or may not be genuine. They ask around and get conflicting opinions. They make a choice and hold their breath, hoping for the best. And far too often, they end up with someone who sees them as a transaction rather than a person.

That reality broke my heart. Because I knew — I *knew* — that there were incredible professionals out there. People of deep integrity. People who prayed over their work. People who treated every client like family. People who delivered what I came to call a "five-star experience" — not because they were chasing a rating, but because excellence was embedded in their character. These professionals were out there, but they were getting lost in the noise. The loudest marketers were winning, not the most trustworthy servants.

And I also knew that in every community — in every church, every neighborhood, every workplace — there were people like you. Natural connectors. People who, when a friend said, "I need help finding a good insurance agent," did not just shrug. You said, "I know exactly who you should talk to. Let me make

an introduction." You did not get paid for that. You did not have an agenda. You just genuinely cared about connecting people with someone who could help. It was second nature to you. It was a gift.

The Five Star Referral Network exists to bring those two groups together — the trusted professionals and the natural connectors — and to create a framework that amplifies the impact of both. The professionals (we call them **Five Star Partners**) are vetted for integrity, competence, and character. They are people we would trust with our own families. And the connectors (that is you — our **Five Star Advocates**) are the bridge. You are the trusted guide who walks alongside someone in their moment of need and says, "I know someone who can help. Let me introduce you."

This network was not built on commissions or quotas. It was built on four pillars that guide everything we do:

Faith. We trust God to guide our connections. We do not manufacture outcomes; we plant seeds and trust the One who makes things grow. We believe that when we surrender our efforts to Him, He multiplies the impact in ways we could never engineer on our own.

Trust. We earn trust through consistency, transparency, and follow-through. Trust is not given; it is built — slowly, deliberately, and carefully. Every interaction is an opportunity to reinforce or erode the trust someone places in us. We choose to reinforce it, every single time.

Integrity. We never recommend anyone we would not trust with our own family. That is the standard. Not "pretty good." Not "probably fine." We ask ourselves: *Would I send my mother to this person?* If the answer is not an unhesitating yes, the recommendation does not happen.

Purpose. Every introduction has meaning. We do not connect people randomly or casually. We are intentional. We listen deeply, we identify the real need, and we make connections that serve a purpose larger than ourselves. This is Kingdom work, and we treat it with the seriousness and joy it deserves.

Now, I need to draw a clear line here, because this is where the Five Star Advocate role differs from anything else you have encountered. **An Advocate is not a salesperson.** You are not selling products. You are not closing deals. You are not hitting quotas. You are not pushing anyone toward anything. The moment you start "selling," you lose the very thing that makes you powerful: your authenticity.

An Advocate *listens.* An Advocate *cares.* An Advocate *serves.* An Advocate *connects.* That is it. You hear a need. You think of the right person to meet that need. You ask permission to make an introduction. And then you step back, follow up, and let the relationship between the person and the Partner unfold naturally. You are not the hero of the story — you are the bridge. And being the bridge is one of the most powerful roles anyone can play.

Here is what I want you to hold onto as you begin this journey: *You are the bridge between someone's need and God's provision through a trusted professional.* That sentence is the heartbeat of everything we do. Write it down. Put it where you can see it. Let it shape the way you show up in every conversation. Because when you see yourself as that bridge — when you understand that every introduction is an act of service, a seed planted, a moment of ministry — everything changes. The pressure dissolves. The anxiety about "doing it right" fades. And what remains is the simple, beautiful joy of helping someone you care about find someone they can trust.

Welcome to the calling. I am so glad you are here.

Chapter 8: Identifying Referral Opportunities — The Art of Listening

> "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."
>
> — James 1:19

The best Five Star Advocates I have ever known share one trait above all others: they are extraordinary listeners. They do not walk into a room scanning for "referral opportunities" like a salesperson working a convention floor. Instead, they show up with genuine curiosity and real care for the people around them. And because they listen — truly listen — they hear things that others miss. They hear the worry behind a casual comment. They hear the need hiding inside a joke. They hear the question someone is too proud to ask out loud.

I call this developing **"Five Star ears."** It is the practice of training yourself to hear needs in everyday conversations — not so you can pounce on them, but so you can serve.

The 7 Most Common Life Moments That Create Referral Opportunities

Life is full of moments where people need professional help but do not know where to turn. Here are the seven most common:

#	Life Moment	What You Might Hear
1	**Buying or Selling a Home**	"We have been thinking about moving..." or "The market is so confusing right now."
2	**Starting or Growing a Business**	"I am thinking about going out on my own" or "My business is growing faster than I can handle."
3	**Planning for Retirement or Financial Change**	"I have no idea if we are saving enough" or "My 401(k) is all over the place."

#	Life Moment	What You Might Hear
4	**Navigating Insurance Needs**	"Our insurance premiums just went through the roof" or "Do we even have enough life insurance?"
5	**Legal Matters**	"We really need to get our wills done" or "I do not even have a power of attorney set up."
6	**Home Improvement or Maintenance**	"We need to find a good contractor" or "Our roof has been leaking and I do not know who to call."
7	**Life Transitions**	"We just got engaged!" or "Mom passed away and we have to figure out the estate" or "We are relocating for work."

Real-World Scenarios

Let me paint a few pictures of what this looks like in real life:

Scenario 1: After Church on Sunday

You are chatting with a couple after the service, and the wife mentions they are "finally going to get serious about looking at houses this spring." Your Five Star ears perk up. You do not launch into a pitch. You simply say, "That is exciting! When you are ready, I would love to connect you with a realtor I trust completely. Just say the word." You plant the seed gently and let them come to you when they are ready.

Scenario 2: A Coffee Meeting with a Friend

An old friend mentions that his father just passed away and the family is trying to sort out the estate. They are overwhelmed and do not know where to start. You listen with compassion first. Then, at the right moment, you say, "I am so sorry for your loss. When the time is right, I know an estate planning attorney who handles exactly this kind of situation with care and integrity. Would it be helpful if I made an introduction?" The friend's relief is visible.

Scenario 3: A Neighborhood Barbecue

A neighbor complains that her insurance premiums skyrocketed this year and she is not even sure what her policy covers. She laughs it off, but you hear the real frustration underneath. Later, in a quiet moment, you say, "Hey, I heard what you said about insurance. I work with a network of professionals I really trust, and I know an insurance specialist who could review your coverage and probably find a better solution. No pressure — but if you are interested, I would love to connect you."

Scenario 4: A Conversation at Work

A colleague mentions she and her husband have been arguing about money and have no idea how to build a budget or plan for the future. You do not offer unsolicited financial advice. Instead, you say, "I totally understand that — money stuff can be stressful. I know a financial advisor who is really down-to-earth and specializes in helping couples get on the same page. Would you like me to introduce you? No strings attached."

The "CARE" Method for Identifying Needs

To help you remember how to identify and respond to needs naturally, use the **CARE** method:

Step	What to Do
C — Curious Questions	Ask open-ended questions that show genuine interest. "How is the house hunt going?" "What are you most excited about this year?"
A — Active Listening	Pay attention to what is said — and what is not said. Listen for stress, worry, uncertainty, or excitement. Put your phone down and be fully present.
R — Recognizing the Need	Connect what you hear to a professional service that could help. Does this person need a financial advisor? A realtor? An attorney? An insurance review?
E — Extending the Introduction	Offer the connection gently, with permission. "I know someone who could help with that. Would you be open to an introduction?"

★ Five Star Principle

"The best Advocates do not look for referrals — they look for people to serve." When your heart is set on serving, the referral opportunities reveal themselves naturally. You never have to force anything.

Chapter 9: The Art of the Introduction — Making Connections That Matter

> "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."
>
> — Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

The introduction is the moment that defines everything. It is the moment of trust transfer — where the trust someone places in *you* is extended to the Five Star Partner you are recommending. This is sacred ground. When you introduce someone to a Partner, you are essentially saying, "I vouch for this person. I trust them with you." That is why the art of the introduction matters so much. A careless or clumsy introduction can undermine the very trust you have built. A thoughtful, warm, well-executed introduction can be the beginning of something that changes someone's life.

The Three-Way Introduction Model

Every Five Star introduction follows a simple three-step model:

19. **Ask Permission from the Person in Need.** Never assume someone wants to be introduced. Always ask first. This respects their autonomy and ensures they are open to receiving help. Example: *"I know someone who could really help with that. Would you be open to an introduction?"*
20. **Contact the Five Star Partner.** Before making the introduction, brief the Partner on who you are connecting them with and what the need is. This allows the Partner to be prepared and provide an exceptional first impression. Example: *"Hey [Partner Name], I have a friend named [Person's Name] who is looking for help with [need]. I told them about you and they would love to connect. I am going to introduce you two."*

21. **Make the Connection.** The warm introduction itself — via email, text, phone call, or in person. You bring the two parties together, provide context, and then step back to let the relationship develop. You do not disappear, though — you follow up.

Introduction Scripts

Use these ready-to-go scripts as templates. Personalize them to fit your voice and the specific situation.

Script 1 — The Casual Conversation Introduction

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"Hey [Name], I was thinking about you. I know you mentioned [need]. I work with a network of professionals I personally trust, and I know someone who would be perfect to help. Their name is [Partner Name], and they specialize in [service]. Would it be okay if I connected you two?"

Script 2 — The Email/Text Introduction

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"[Person's Name], meet [Partner's Name]. [Partner's Name] is part of the Five Star Network — a group of professionals I trust completely. [Person's Name] has been looking for help with [need], and I immediately thought of you, [Partner's Name]. I will let you two take it from here, but I am always just a call away if either of you need anything."

Script 3 — The Follow-Up After Introduction

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"Hey [Person's Name], I wanted to check in and see how things went with [Partner's Name]. Did you get what you needed? I always want to make sure the people I connect are well taken care of. Let me know if there is anything else I can help with."

The Golden Rule of Introductions

★ The Golden Rule

"Never introduce someone to a professional you would not trust with your own mother." This is the Five Star standard. It is non-negotiable. If you would not send your own family to this Partner, do not send anyone else. That level of conviction is what makes Five Star introductions different from every other referral in the world.

Following Up After Every Introduction

The introduction is not the finish line — it is the starting line. Following up is where trust is cemented. Here is your post-introduction process:

22. **Within 48 hours:** Check in with the person you referred. Did the Partner reach out? Did they feel cared for? Any concerns?
23. **Within one week:** Touch base with the Partner. How did the initial conversation go? Is there anything you can clarify or support?
24. **Upon completion:** Follow up with both parties to celebrate the outcome, express gratitude, and ask if there is a testimonial they would like to share.
25. **Log everything in Groundhogg.** Every follow-up, every update, every note — capture it in the CRM.

Chapter 10: Building and Nurturing Your Relationship Network

> "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another."
>
> — Hebrews 10:24–25

If the introduction is the spark, the relationship is the fire. Without genuine, nurtured relationships, you have no one to introduce. Without trust built over time, your introductions carry no weight. Relationships are the foundation of absolutely everything in the Five Star Network. And building those relationships is not a strategy — it is a way of life. It is how we are called to live: in community, with generosity, with care for the people God places around us.

The good news? You are probably already doing this. The Five Star Advocate role does not require you to become someone you are not. It invites you to be more intentional about who you already are — a connector, a carer, a person who genuinely loves people. The tools in this chapter will help you be more consistent and purposeful in your relationship-building habits.

The "3-5-10 Rule" for Relationship Nurturing

This simple framework keeps your relational engine running. It is not about numbers for the sake of numbers — it is about ensuring that you are consistently investing in the people around you.

Frequency	Action	Purpose
3 per week	Reach out to three people in your network just to check in — no agenda, no ask	Maintains warmth and presence in your existing relationships
5 per month	Send five handwritten or personal notes of encouragement or gratitude	Deepens connection beyond digital communication — people remember a handwritten note

Frequency	Action	Purpose
10 per quarter	Intentionally meet 10 new people and add them to your relational world	Expands your network with fresh relationships that may lead to future introductions

Practical Relationship-Building Activities

- **Coffee Meetings:** Invite one person per week for a 30-minute coffee or lunch. No agenda beyond caring and connecting. Ask about their life, their family, their dreams, their challenges. Listen.
- **Community Events:** Show up to local events — charity fundraisers, school functions, neighborhood gatherings, community service days. Be present and approachable.
- **Church and Faith Community:** Your faith community is rich soil for authentic relationships. Serve in ministry. Join a small group. Volunteer. The relationships built in these spaces are naturally deep and trust-filled.
- **Social Media Engagement:** Comment thoughtfully on friends' posts. Share encouragement. Celebrate their milestones publicly. Be genuine, not performative — people can tell the difference.
- **Birthday and Anniversary Acknowledgments:** Use your CRM to track important dates and send a personal message on birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestones. This small act carries enormous relational weight.

★ Five Star Principle

"People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care." This timeless truth is the foundation of every strong relationship. Lead with care, and everything else follows.

Using Groundhogg to Support Your Relationship Habits

Your CRM is not just for tracking referrals — it is a relationship tool. Here is how to tie your nurturing habits back to Part I of this guide:

- **Set recurring tasks** for your 3 weekly check-ins.
- **Add notes** after every coffee meeting or meaningful conversation.
- **Use the contact search** to identify people you have not reached out to in a while.
- **Track your 3-5-10 progress** by reviewing your activity notes during your Friday Faithful Review.

Chapter 11: Handling Difficult Situations with Grace

> "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."
>
> — Proverbs 15:1

As much as we strive for five-star experiences in every interaction, we live in an imperfect world. Things do not always go as planned. A referral does not work out. A Partner misses the mark. Someone says "no thank you" to your thoughtful offer. These moments are not failures — they are tests of character. And how you handle them defines your integrity as a Five Star Advocate far more than how you handle the easy wins.

When a Referral Does Not Go Well

If someone you referred has a negative experience with a Five Star Partner, here is how to handle it:

26. **Listen first.** Give the person a full, compassionate hearing. Do not become defensive or make excuses for the Partner. Validate their experience: "I am sorry to hear that. That is not the experience I wanted for you."
27. **Gather the facts.** Ask clarifying questions to understand what happened. Sometimes a miscommunication can be resolved; other times, there is a legitimate concern.
28. **Escalate within the network.** Report the situation to the Five Star leadership team. They will investigate and address it with the Partner. This is how the network maintains its integrity.
29. **Follow up with the person.** Let them know the situation has been escalated and that you take their experience seriously. If appropriate, offer to connect them with a different Partner.

When Someone Asks for a Recommendation Outside the Network

You will occasionally be asked for help in an area where no Five Star Partner exists. Be honest:

"That is a great question, and I want to make sure you get the right help. I do not have a vetted professional in that specific area right now, but let me see what I can find out for you. I would rather take a little time than point you in the wrong direction."

Then follow up with your Five Star team to see if a Partner is being onboarded in that category.

When a Partner Does Not Deliver a Five-Star Experience

This is one of the most important situations you will face. The Five Star Network's reputation depends on the quality of its Partners. If a Partner consistently fails to deliver, here is the escalation path:

30. **Document the issue** in Groundhogg with specific details — dates, conversations, and outcomes.
31. **Report it to the Five Star leadership team** immediately. Do not try to resolve it with the Partner yourself unless you have a personal relationship that allows for candid conversation.
32. **Trust the process.** The leadership team has a vetting and accountability process in place. Partners who do not uphold the Five Star standard will be addressed — up to and including removal from the network.

When Someone Says "No Thank You"

Not everyone will want an introduction, and that is perfectly fine. Grace is the only appropriate response. Never pressure, never guilt, and never take it personally. A simple response: *"Absolutely — no worries at all. I just wanted you to know the option is there whenever you need it."* Then move on with warmth and without resentment. Often, people come back weeks or months later when they are ready.

Scripts for Difficult Conversations

Script A — Addressing a Complaint About a Partner

Script A: Handling a Complaint

"[Name], I am really sorry to hear about your experience. That is not the standard I hold for the people I recommend, and I take this very seriously. I want to make sure this gets addressed. Would it be okay if I shared your feedback with my leadership team so we can look into it? I want to make sure you are taken care of."

Script B — Declining a Request You Cannot Fulfill

Script B: When You Cannot Help Directly

"That is a great question, and I appreciate you trusting me enough to ask. I do not currently have a vetted professional in that exact area, and I would never send you to someone I have not personally vetted. Let me do some research and circle back with you. I would rather take the time to find the right person than rush a recommendation."

★ Five Star Principle

"Our integrity is not negotiable. If we lose the trust, we lose everything." Protect your integrity fiercely. Never force a connection, never oversell, and never make promises on behalf of a Partner. Honesty and humility are your greatest assets in difficult moments.

Chapter 12: Your 90-Day Advocate Launch Plan

> "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty."
>
> — Proverbs 21:5

You do not have to figure this all out at once. The 90-Day Launch Plan below gives you a clear, structured path from your very first login to becoming an Advocate in full stride. Follow it faithfully, give yourself grace when you stumble, and watch how God builds momentum through your consistency.

Days 1–7: Foundation

☐	Action Item	Goal
☐	Complete CRM training — read and practice Part I of this guide	Know your way around Groundhogg with confidence
☐	Log in to Groundhogg and familiarize yourself with the Dashboard, Contacts, Pipeline, and Tasks	Hands-on comfort with the interface
☐	Set up your daily "First Fifteen" routine — commit to a consistent time each morning	Establish the habit from day one
☐	Review the Five Star Partner directory — know who is in the network and what they do	Be prepared to make informed introductions
☐	Make your first practice introduction — connect a friend or family member with a Partner	Experience the introduction process in a low-pressure setting

Days 8–30: Building Momentum

☐	Action Item	Goal
☐	Make 5 real introductions and log all of them in Groundhogg	Build your introduction muscle with real-world practice
☐	Log all activity — notes, tasks, pipeline updates — in the CRM consistently	Develop the habit of documenting everything

☐	Action Item	Goal
☐	Attend your first Five Star team meeting or accountability call	Connect with fellow Advocates for support and encouragement
☐	Identify your "Top 20" — the 20 people in your network you will prioritize for nurturing	Focus your relationship energy where it matters most
☐	Begin the 3-5-10 relationship routine	Establish consistent relational rhythms
☐	Complete the "First Fifteen" daily for 21 consecutive days	Lock in the daily habit — 21 days builds a rhythm

Days 31–60: Growing Confidence

☐	Action Item	Goal
☐	Reach 10+ total introductions logged in Groundhogg	Double-digit introductions — you are making a real impact
☐	Follow up on all previous introductions — update pipeline stages and add notes	No referral left behind
☐	Celebrate your first completed referral — the full journey from introduction to five-star experience	Experience the joy of the full cycle
☐	Share a testimonial with the Five Star Network — your own story or a client's story (with permission)	Contribute to the network's culture of celebration
☐	Invite one new person to learn about the Five Star Network	Begin expanding the network through your own influence
☐	Review your pipeline in Groundhogg weekly as part of your Friday Faithful Review	Weekly rhythm is fully established

Days 61–90: Advocate in Full Stride

☐	Action Item	Goal
☐	20+ introductions logged in Groundhogg	You are actively serving your community through trusted connections

☐	Action Item	Goal
☐	Consistent daily and weekly CRM routines fully established	The First Fifteen and Friday Faithful Review are second nature
☐	Active relationship nurturing across your network using the 3-5-10 framework	Your relational engine is humming
☐	Making introductions naturally and confidently in everyday conversations	The CARE method is instinctive, not forced
☐	Beginning to see the compound effect of faithful service — repeat referrals, deepening trust, wider reach	God is multiplying your faithfulness
☐	Reflect: *"How has God used me as a bridge this quarter?"*	Gratitude, clarity, and renewed purpose for the next quarter

★ Five Star Tip

Do not wait until day 90 to celebrate. Celebrate every milestone along the way — your first login, your first introduction, your first completed referral, your first thank-you from someone you helped. These moments are evidence of God's faithfulness working through you.

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BACK MATTER

Quick References, Appendices & Resources

Quick Reference Card — CRM Daily Checklist

Print this page and keep it near your computer for daily reference.

The "First Fifteen" — Daily (15 minutes)

☐	Action
☐	Open Groundhogg — check Dashboard
☐	Review Tasks — complete any follow-ups due today
☐	Check Pipeline — any referrals needing attention?
☐	Add notes from yesterday's conversations
☐	Pray over your contacts and today's introductions

The "Friday Faithful Review" — Weekly (30 minutes)

☐	Action
☐	Review all active Pipeline referrals — update stages
☐	Reach out to 3–5 contacts (relationship nurturing — no agenda)
☐	Identify 1–2 new potential introductions
☐	Update any changed contact information
☐	Send thank-you notes for completed referrals

☐	**Action**
☐	Reflect: *"Where did I see God at work this week?"*

Appendix A: Introduction Scripts Quick Reference

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Appendix B: The Five Star Glossary

Term	Definition
Advocate	A trusted connector in the Five Star Referral Network who identifies needs in their community and makes thoughtful introductions to vetted Five Star Partners. Advocates do not sell — they serve, listen, and connect.
Partner	A vetted professional in the Five Star Network who has been selected for their integrity, competence, and commitment to delivering a five-star experience. Partners serve clients referred by Advocates.
Client	A person who has been introduced to a Five Star Partner through an Advocate and is receiving professional services.
Introduction	The act of connecting a person with a Five Star Partner. This is the core activity of an Advocate — a warm, personal connection made with trust and care.
Referral	The formal record of an introduction in the CRM system. A referral tracks the journey from initial introduction through completion of services.
Five Star Experience	The standard of service that every Five Star Partner strives to deliver — professional, caring, thorough, trustworthy, and exceeding expectations.
Pipeline	The visual tracking system in Groundhogg that shows referrals progressing through stages — from introduction to completed service.
Contact Record	An individual's profile page in Groundhogg containing their personal information, tags, activity history, notes, and pipeline status.
Tag	A label applied to a contact record in Groundhogg for organizational purposes. Tags indicate status, category, or other attributes. Advocates can view tags but do not create or edit them.
Dashboard	The home screen of Groundhogg CRM that provides an overview of your activity, tasks, and pipeline status at a glance.

Appendix C: Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I get my Groundhogg login credentials?

Your login credentials are provided by your Five Star administrator when your Advocate account is created. If you have not received them, or if you have forgotten your password, contact your Five Star team leader or the network administrator for assistance.

2. Do I need any technical skills to use Groundhogg?

Not at all. If you can use email and browse the internet, you can use Groundhogg. The interface is designed to be straightforward, and this guide walks you through every step. Start with Chapter 1 and take it at your own pace.

3. What should I do if I cannot find someone in the Contacts list?

First, try different search terms — search by first name, last name, or email address. If the person is not in the system, you can add them as a new contact using the "Add New" button on the Contacts screen (see Chapter 3 for step-by-step instructions).

4. Do I need to create or manage tags?

No. Tags are managed by the system and by administrators. As an Advocate, you can see the tags applied to a contact for context, but you do not need to create, edit, or delete them. All tag management has been built for you.

5. How often should I log in to Groundhogg?

We recommend logging in every day — the "First Fifteen" daily routine (Chapter 6) takes only 15 minutes and keeps everything current. At a minimum, log in at least three times per week to stay on top of your tasks and pipeline.

6. What if I make an introduction but the person is not interested?

That is completely normal and perfectly fine. Thank the person for their honesty, let them know the option is always there if they change their mind, and move on with grace. Do not pressure, and do not take it personally. Log a brief note in Groundhogg so you have a record (see Chapter 11 for guidance).

7. How do I know which Five Star Partner to recommend?

Review the Five Star Partner directory, which lists all active Partners by service category. Match the person's need to the right category and Partner. If you are unsure, reach out to your Five Star team leader for guidance. Never recommend a Partner you are not confident about.

8. Is being an Advocate a paid position?

The Five Star Advocate role is designed as a ministry of connection — a calling to serve your community by linking people with trusted professionals. The compensation structure is discussed separately with your Five Star leadership. The primary motivation is service, not earnings.

9. What if a Five Star Partner does not respond to my referral?

Follow up with the Partner within 48 hours. If they still do not respond, escalate the issue to your Five Star team leader immediately. Every referral is a person in need, and timely response is a non-negotiable standard for Five Star Partners.

10. Can I refer people to professionals outside the Five Star Network?

While you are free to give personal recommendations in your own life, the Five Star Network's power lies in its vetted professionals. If a need falls outside the network's current Partner categories, let your team leader know — the network is always growing, and your feedback helps shape which categories are added next.

11. How do I share feedback about a Partner — positive or negative?

Positive feedback can be shared as a testimonial through your Five Star team. Negative feedback should be documented in Groundhogg with specific details and escalated to the Five Star leadership team immediately (see Chapter 11). Both types of feedback are essential to maintaining the network's integrity.

12. What if I have questions that are not answered in this guide?

Reach out to your Five Star team leader, attend team meetings, or connect with fellow Advocates. The Five Star community is designed for mutual support. As Proverbs 27:17 reminds us, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." You are never in this alone.

Closing Word

You made it. You have read the guide, you have learned the tools, and you understand the heart behind everything we do. But here is what I want you to remember above all else: the Five Star Referral Network is not about a CRM system. It is not about pipelines or tags or scripts. It is about people.

Every contact in your system is a person created in the image of God — a person with needs, fears, hopes, and dreams. And you have been called — *called* — to be the bridge between their need and God's provision through a trusted professional. That is not a small thing. That is sacred work.

There will be days when it feels like nothing is happening. You will make introductions that do not pan out immediately. You will follow up and hear silence. You will wonder if any of it matters. In those moments, I want you to remember this: faithfulness is never wasted. Every seed you plant is seen by the One who makes all things grow. Your job is to plant and water. His job is the harvest.

There will also be days when the impact takes your breath away — when someone calls to tell you that the introduction you made changed their life, when a family finds the perfect home, when a small business owner finally gets the financial guidance they needed, when a widow is protected because you connected her with the right attorney. Those are the moments that remind you why you said yes to this calling.

So go. Be faithful. Be the bridge. Serve with integrity, love with authenticity, and trust God with the results. The Five Star Network is better because you are part of it. And the people you serve will be forever grateful that you cared enough to connect them with someone they could trust.

> "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."
>
> — Galatians 6:9

Go and be the bridge.

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