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GROUP FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RED WELL THEATER GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

NEW YORK, September 14, 2020 – The Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health announced today the establishment of an endowment for the Red Well Theater Group Scholarship. The endowment will support an annual scholarship for an international student or early career professional to attend AGPA Connect with full tuition coverage and a travel stipend when appropriate.

This Scholarship has been generously endowed by Robert Schulte, MSW, CGP, FAGPA, of Alexandria, VA to honor the Red Well Theater and its mission to support the training and development of group therapists. For more than a decade Red Well provided creative group training at AGPA Connect. As the theater's run has come to a close, this scholarship will continue the legacy of that training. The concept that "all the world's a stage" was the inspiration to imagine the scholarship being awarded to students from around the globe. Applications will be accepted as part of the annual Group Foundation scholarship program with the inaugural scholarship to be awarded for AGPA Connect 2021. The virtual nature of the training this year, as it is being held online, will contribute to the interconnectedness from all areas of the world intended by the scholarship.

"The Group Foundation is grateful to Robert Schulte for his generosity in establishing this scholarship fund," said Darryl L. Pure, PhD, ABPP, CGP, FAGPA, Chairman of the Group Foundation. "Providing scholarships to students all over the world for group therapy training and education is at the heart of the Foundation's mission."

Scholarship application and submission guidelines are available at www.agpa.org; the deadline to be considered for a named scholarship such as the Red Well Theater Group Scholarship is November 1, 2020. You can also visit the website for more information on this and other scholarships, the Foundation's programs or to contribute to the Foundation. If you are interested in finding out more about endowing a scholarship or another program, please contact the Foundation office at dfeirman@agpa.org or by phone at 877-668-AGPA (2472).

About AGPA and the Group Foundation

The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) is the foremost professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health, its philanthropic arm; and the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. AGPA represents over 2,000 mental health professional members including psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers, as well as mental health, family, and pastoral counselors, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. Its members are experienced mental health professionals who lead psychotherapy groups and various non-clinical groups. Many are organizational specialists who work with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, communities and other "natural" groups to help them improve their functioning. The Association also has 22 local and regional Societies located across the country.

AGPA is committed to supporting the dignity and psychological safety of every individual without discrimination regarding race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sex, age, or disability. Central to our mission is a belief in the power of groups to treat mental illness, heal the scars from traumatic events, and enhance the well-being of adults and children in their families, schools, corporate settings, and communities.

The Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health is a philanthropic organization that is committed to the fact that "Groups Change Lives" and believes in the power of group interventions to improve people's quality of life. The Group Foundation supports group psychotherapy education, research, training, and information dissemination for the benefit of the public and professional communities. Among the Foundation's most vital roles is the recognition of excellence, promise, and vision by honoring those individuals and groups who have demonstrated these qualities with awards and scholarships.

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