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## GROUP FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH TO HONOR SALLY B. HENRY, LCSW WITH ENDOWED EVENT AND SCHOLARSHIP

**NEW YORK, September 10, 2024**—The Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health announced today that it would be honoring Sally B. Henry, LCSW, a long-time AGPA member, Foundation Board member, educator, and generous donor with two named funds. Ms. Henry who passed away in 2020, left the Group Foundation a generous bequest in her will and the Group Foundation Board has approved using this unrestricted bequest to establish two endowments to honor Ms. Henry's lifelong ties to experiential group training programs in the United States, as well as internationally.

The **Sally B. Henry Endowment Fund** will be part of the Group Foundation's Education Endowment and used to endow and name in Ms. Henry's honor the Institute Opening Plenary session at the annual AGPA Connect. The inaugural Sally B. Henry Institute Opening Plenary will take place at the start of the Institute on March 4, 2025 during the AGPA Connect Training week in San Francisco, CA.

The **Sally B. Henry International Scholarship** will support at least one international attendee annually at AGPA Connect and/or provide e-learning and certification support to further training and experience in group therapy. This scholarship will be offered for the first time also in conjunction with the 2025 AGPA Connect and will be one of the endowed scholarships provided as part of the Group Foundation's robust scholarship program.

"Sally was a longtime AGPA Member, Group Foundation Board member, and beloved colleague and friend," said Darryl L. Pure, PhD, ABPP, CGP, AGPA-F, Chair of the Group Foundation Board of Directors. "Experiential training was near and dear to her heart and with her generous bequest we can honor her with these legacy funds in her name."

For more information, contact the Group Foundation at (212) 297-2143 or via email at <u>dfeirman@agpa.org</u> or visit <u>www.agpa.org</u>.

## About the Group Foundation and AGPA

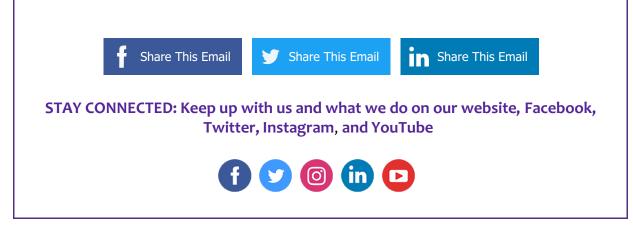
The Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health is a philanthropic organization that is committed to the fact that "Groups Change Lives" and believes in the power of group interventions to improve people's quality of life. The Group Foundation supports group psychotherapy education, research, training, 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.

The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) is the foremost professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a multiorganizational structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health, a philanthropic arm; the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body; and the Affiliate Societies Assembly representing 21 local and regional affiliate societies providing continuing education, consultation, and support for group therapists across the country. AGPA represents over 2,000 mental health professional members, including clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, and psychiatrists, as well as mental health, family, "school", and pastoral counselors, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists. AGPA members are experienced "licensed" mental health professionals who lead psychotherapy groups and/or various non-clinical groups. Many members are organizational specialists who work within the corporate world, non-for-profit organizations, and other groups to help them improve their functioning and delivery of services.

AGPA is committed to supporting the dignity and psychological safety of every individual without discrimination regarding race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, 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.

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