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## GROUP FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JACOB AND ZERKA MORENO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**NEW YORK, October 16, 2025** – The Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health is announcing the establishment of a new endowment, the Jacob and Zerka Moreno Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship is supported by the Jacob and Zerka Moreno Foundation for Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy, and will provide support to a psychodrama student who demonstrates both promise and passion for the theory and practice of psychodrama and sociometry. The scholarship will cover up to a 6-day registration for AGPA Connect annually, along with a travel stipend.

The Jacob and Zerka Moreno Foundation for Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to spreading the theory and practice of Jacob and Zerka Moreno, the founders of psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy. The Moreno Foundation hopes to enhance the visibility of their legacy within AGPA, and among students and early career professionals. The intention is that the scholarship will introduce psychodrama students to the therapeutic expertise at AGPA Connect and our culture of compassion, while inspiring them to contribute to the visibility of psychodrama within AGPA, and perhaps one day offer their own workshops in psychodrama. For more information on the Moreno Foundation, please visit the website at [www.morenolegacy.org](http://www.morenolegacy.org).

At the heart of the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health and AGPA is the desire to enhance the number and quality of effectively led therapeutic groups internationally in the public and private sectors. To accomplish this, we reach out to students, early career professionals, and other mental health professionals and offer them scholarships to assist them in attending the AGPA Connect Annual Training, where they receive exposure to safe and stimulating group experiences and an opportunity to learn from the most experienced and talented group therapists. The Jacob and Zerka Moreno Foundation Scholarship will be an important addition to this program. The application is now available for AGPA Connect 2026 in New York City [here](#).

“We are honored to collaborate with the Jacob and Zerka Moreno Foundation to expand the visibility of psychodrama within the AGPA Community and provide group therapy training to students and early career professionals who are interested in this field,” says Darryl L. Pure, Ph.D., ABPP, CGP, AGPA-F, Chair of the Group Foundation Board of Directors. “Learning to enhance group therapy skills is an important part of the mission of the Group Foundation and it is our privilege to work with the Moreno Foundation to make it possible for those dedicated to group therapy and psychodrama.”

For more information, contact the Group Foundation at (212) 297-2143 or via email at [dfeirman@agpa.org](mailto:dfeirman@agpa.org) or visit [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org).

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### *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 multi-organizational 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.

### **About the Jacob and Zerka Moreno Foundation**

The Jacob and Zerka Moreno Foundation for Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy is an independent, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to spreading the legacy of Jacob and Zerka Moreno; disseminating theory, research and best practices of psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy; supporting the American Society for Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama (ASGPP) and other organizations that support this work; and broadening and deepening the sociometry of our community of group work. Find out more at their website at [www.morenolegacy.org](http://www.morenolegacy.org)