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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### GROUP FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BARBARA AND ALBERT DAZZO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

NEW YORK, July 27, 2016 — The Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health announced today the establishment of the Barbara and Albert Dazzo Scholarship. The fund will support a scholarship for the AGPA Annual Training week for a student, resident or new professional delivering group services in a not-for-profit mental healthcare delivery system such as a community healthcare organization, hospital, clinic or agency with a preference for those working with underserved populations. It is being awarded for the first time this year at the 2017 New York City Annual Meeting.

The scholarship was endowed by Barbara, a long-time member and Fellow of AGPA and current member of the Group Foundation Board of Directors, her husband Albert and their son Stephen, all of whom are committed to supporting those doing this difficult work by helping them obtain training and support.

“Group psychotherapy has been an integral part of my career and it requires specialized training that is not readily available, particularly to those working with some of the most challenging populations in public settings that are frequently under-staffed and under-funded,” said Dr. Dazzo. “I’m proud to be able to endow this scholarship through the Group Foundation with my family in order to make it possible for someone to receive training in this important work and use it to help others.”

“The Group Foundation is grateful to the Dazzo Family for their generosity in establishing this scholarship fund,” said Karen Travis, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, Chairwoman of the Group Foundation. “Providing scholarships for group therapy training is a program at the heart of the Foundation’s mission and Barbara and Al Dazzo’s endowment shows great leadership in helping to make it happen.”

The Foundation’s scholarship program is a highlight of the AGPA’s 2017 Annual Training in New York City. Entitled “Connecting, Educating, and Leading for 75 Years: The Theory, Science, and Practice of Group Therapy,” this meeting will be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AGPA and its work supporting the group psychotherapy field. More than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists of all disciplines from around the world will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations in groups, an increasingly utilized modality due to its effectiveness and cost-effectiveness.

For more information, contact AGPA at (877) 668-AGPA (2472) or visit [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org). You can also visit our 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 other program, please contact the Foundation office at [dfeirman@agpa.org](mailto:dfeirman@agpa.org) or by phone at 877-668-AGPA (2472).

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### *About AGPA and the Group Foundation*

The American Group Psychotherapy Association has been for 75 years 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. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 2,500 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 26 local and regional societies located across the country. 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 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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