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GROUP FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHUCK DACHIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

NEW YORK, August 2, 2017 – The Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health announced today the establishment of the Chuck Dachis Scholarship Fund. The fund will support a scholarship for the AGPA Annual Training Week for a student, new professional or agency employee who demonstrates academic and clinical promise in the field of group psychotherapy and is in need of financial support to attend. It will cover up to a 6-day registration for the Meeting as well as a travel stipend.

Applications will be accepted as part of the annual Foundation scholarship program with the first award to be given for the 2018 Houston Annual Meeting. The scholarship was endowed by Chuck Dachis of Austin, TX who is a supporter of the field of group psychotherapy and the Foundation's work in helping change lives.

"The Group Foundation is grateful to Mr. Dachis for his belief in the power of group and his generosity in establishing this scholarship fund," said Karen Travis, LCSW, BCD, CGP, FAGPA, Chairwoman of the Group Foundation. "Helping new professionals get group therapy training is at the heart of the Foundation's mission and this endowment shows great leadership in helping to make it happen."

Scholarship application and submission guidelines are available at www.agpa.org; the deadline to be considered for a named scholarship such as the Chuck Dachis Scholarship is November 1, 2017. 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 other 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 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. 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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