This spring, AGPA and the CGP Board, with the support of the Foundation, published a new teaching manual—A Group Therapist’s Guide to Process Addictions, written by Shelley Korshak, MD, CGP, Marcia Nickow, PsyD, CADC, CGP, and BarneyStraus, LCSW PCGC, CGP. The publication was designed to provide faculty and students with materials and bibliographical resources necessary for didactic and experiential courses in the specialized skills necessary to understand and treat the full range of process addictions, including rage, self-injury, gambling, money, codependency, relationship, romance, sex, technology, work and religion. This curriculum was specifically developed to provide those mental health professionals who are using or want to implement group as an effective treatment modality. Given that the group modality is such an integral part of all addiction treatment programs, this is a significant contribution and resource for all mental health professionals in both private and public settings. It has provided a bridge to access and support for all of our colleagues who have been doing this important work, and most of it has been done in groups.

We are, indeed, fortunate to have such a rich collective of gifted clinicians and teachers in our organization that provide this valuable resource. This is a major accomplishment supporting our education and training goals.

The Foundation also awarded two research grants to study Group Therapy for Supporting Teen Moms and Complicated Grief in Survivors of Suicide. Moms Growing Together will address the significant issue of prevalent psychological distress among teen mothers by testing the acceptability and effectiveness of Moms Growing Together, a novel group therapy intervention designed to reduce distress and improvement attachment to the child. The principal investigator continued on back.

Additional Foundation Awards and Grants

In addition to its extensive Scholarship Program, the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health presents the following awards:

- The Social Responsibility Award, to be presented at the 2013 AGPA Annual Meeting (February 23-28 in San Francisco). The award recognizes an AGPA member or group of members whose exceptional service ultimately benefits the public-at-large, either nationally or internationally. This could include, for example, training professionals who have provided group interventions or direct services to a community in need, or those who have provided extensive pro bono work. Deadline for nominations for this award only is October 1, 2014.

- The Foundation supports research that demonstrates the effectiveness of group psychotherapy.

- The Group Foundation Honors Your Mentor Program, a campaign of appreciation, recognizes mentors by emphasizing their importance in fostering the personal and professional development of group psychotherapists. It is an opportunity for you to express your personal appreciation for your mentor. A highlight of this program is an essay contest in which entrants express their personal appreciation for the mentor of their choice.

- The Alonso Award for Excellence in Psychodynamic Group Theory reasserts, in a concrete way, the value of original thinking about psychodynamic group theory. Individuals may qualify in a variety of ways. Suitable entries include doctoral dissertations, videos, published papers, and other creative research.

- The Aaron Stein Memorial Fund annually recognizes organizations in the locale of the upcoming AGPA Annual Meeting that utilize the creative applications of group theory and technique to benefit the community, particularly in non-psychotherapeutic settings.

Detailed award and grant descriptions as well as application requirements are posted on AGPA’s website at www.agpa.org. The application deadline for these Group Foundation programs, unless otherwise noted, is November 1, 2014. For additional information, contact Diane Feirman, CAE, Public Affairs Director, at 212-477-2677 or dfeirman@agpa.org.
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Realizing these types of activities and goals used to be a dream, but because of your continued generosity they have become a reality. As I was sharing this with all of you, I felt a deep sense of pride in our organization collectively. I am thankful to each of you have made these dreams come true. Once again, we’re the “little organization” that could.

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