

The Ripple Effect

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Then we come together March 6-11 in New York City to celebrate AGPA's 75th Anniversary, we will be part of a group that has strong representation of the multi-generations that make up our membership. This is a milestone anniversary in many ways. After 75 years, we are thriving, growing, and continuing to promote our belief that group psychotherapy is an integral part of mental health treatment. This is an accomplishment that we can we proud of and is more evidence that group works at many different levels. It works at the organizational level; it works as a key component in teaching and training; and it works in private and public mental health settings providing the highest standard of care.

The fact that AGPA is flourishing as an organization after 75 years can, in part, be credited to the significant role that the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health has played in developing our Scholarship Program and your generosity in building this dynamic outreach effort. When we meet next year, you will see the fruits of all of our efforts when you see the sea of young faces and voices that are filling our meeting. It is both inspiring and comforting to know that we have built a bridge to the next generation to create professional competency and a place to be a part of a strong and nurturing community. The recipients of our Scholarship Program have reflected on what this opportunity has meant to them on an educational level, how this has impacted them in their professional settings, and what it means to them to be part of a professional community. If you haven't yet done so, I encourage you watch the video of Scholarship Program recipients on our website. Among those recipients were Katie Van Speybroeck and her colleague Ned Peck. Katie was one of the new professionals who I brought in through the program; I was deeply moved by what she shared about what the opportunity has meant to her. Ned also encapsulates the impact that the Scholarship Program has had on his professional and personal life. He described it by say-

ing: "It was profound. It was like dropping something in the pond that will ripple out."

I would like to share more of the ripple effect, which other recipients have written when expressing their gratitude to donors.

"The Institute experience was thrilling, instructive, and deeply meaningful. I got to understand process groups from the inside and learn a great deal about leadership and the many strong emotions that participating in an intense process group provokes. The talks and workshops that I attended were informative and rewarding intellectually. As a psychotherapist in a community mental health clinic in the New York area, I have been applying concepts and practices in my work. I am becoming a more creative, theoretically informed, empathic, and process-oriented group leader. I am serving the low-income population that I work with in a way that is more attuned to their day-to-day interpersonal experiences—their feeling of strength and mastery, their shame and loss, and everything in between." This letter truly exemplifies the way that the conference experience flows back into the community and effects such positive change.

Other recipients spoke of this experience: "It's difficult for me to concisely describe how the AGPA Annual Meeting has changed my professional and personal take on the world around me, but I feel assured that attending this conference was truly transformative in nature. Again, I would like to sincerely thank the Scholarship Committee for giving me this opportunity, and I look forward to attending this conference every year throughout my career as a psychologist."

These statements answer a question that I have been asked frequently, "Do you think that these recipients will come back and become members after they don't need the scholarships?" The answer is yes. Many of these recipients have stayed members of AGPA and have been mentored continued on back

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ttending the Annual Meeting allows recipients to learn and grow personally and professionally, making connections that will last a lifetime. Through the generosity of its donors. the Group Foundation will again offer multiple funding opportunities to attend AGPA's 2017 Annual Meeting, celebrating its 75th Anniversary, March 6-11 in New York City.

To apply for one of these scholarships. visit AGPA's website at www.agpa.org/ Foundation/scholarships for detailed information and required application forms. **Application deadline is November 1, 2016.** Additional questions? E-mail: charper@agpa.org.

If you are interested in contributing to the Group Foundation to help qualified candidates attend the 2017 Annual Meeting in New York, contact the Foundation office at 212-477-2677 or visit the website and click on Donate Now.

Applications Being Accepted For Two New Scholarships This Year! In addition to the many endowed and donated scholarships currently available. this year, the Foundation is accepting applications for two new endowed scholarships.

Barbara and Albert Dazzo Scholarship: This scholarship supports attendance 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. The scholarship was endowed by Barbara Dazzo, PhD, LCSW, CGP-R, FAGPA, a longtime AGPA member and current member of the Group Foundation Board of Directors, her husband Albert, and their son Stephen, all of whom are committed to supporting

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- The Foundation supports research that demonstrates the effectiveness of group psychotherapy and its value as a quality clinical mental health treatment.
- The Group Foundation Honor Your Mentor Program is an opportunity for you to express your personal appreciation for your mentor. We particularly encourage submissions for this award in this year celebrating the 75th Anniversary of AGPA as it is an opportunity to honor those who may have gotten members involved in the

organization over its long history. Gifts in honor of mentors can also be made in this anniversary year.

- The Alonso Award for Excellence in Psychodynamic Group Theory reasserts the value of original thinking about psychodynamic group theory. Individuals may qualify in a variety of ways, including 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, which utilize the creative applications of group theory and technique to benefit the community, particularly in nonpsychotherapeutic 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, 2016.**

For additional information, contact Diane Feirman, CAE, Public Affairs Senior Director, at 212-477-2677 or dfeirman@agpa.org.

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into being presenters and involved in other parts of our organizations.

Another scholarship recipient said: "The Annual Meeting gave me great inspiration and energy to move into the practice of group psychotherapy. The two-day process group, outstanding educational events, and the wonderful group of participants fueled my passion for group psychotherapy." This reflects the fact that we are not only teaching and training but we are inspiring and shaping the next generation of group therapists.

It's important to note that these statements are just a small sample of hundreds of others we have received, each echoing the same sentiment. These comments are so encouraging and inspiring. I feel so proud to know that I'm part of a professional community that is giving so much to the next generation, and so should you.

I want to close by sharing one last comment from a scholarship recipient. "Once again, deep thanks for making this experience possible for me. I hope my work with the students in my counseling center and my renewed confidence in the power of group therapy justifies your investment in me."

Donating to our Scholarship Program is a great investment that provides a positive outcome. Attending AGPA's Annual Meeting goes beyond making a better therapist. From all I have heard and read, it makes attendees feel that they have become better people.

Let's keep up this investment and, perhaps, dig

down a little deeper as the Group Foundation conducts its 75th Anniversary Campaign to continue to provide this experience for more people. Let's keep the ripple moving from the conference out into the greater world.

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