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These qualities have made her a vital part of our Foundation Board. She brought a wide breadth of experience to the Board, and this year, she made another major contribution by funding an endowed scholarship—Kathy and Kent Rider Scholarship—to honor her husband Kent, who recently passed away.

What moved her to make this generous gesture?

“I first attended AGPA in the mid-seventies in San Antonio, and was impressed by the depth and breadth of the offerings of the Institute and the Conference, the said. “AGPA provides the best training for group therapy. My husband, Kent, was a civil trial attorney and was my biggest supporter of attending AGPA annually. Kent knew how valuable the training was and how important AGPA was to me, especially the people and relation- ships formed.

“In Kent’s memory and to honor all the support he provided me and our family, I wanted to establish a scholarship to provide opportunities for ongoing group training to student and new professionals. As a member of the Group Foundation for Advanc- ing Mental Health, I have seen all the programs, research, and outreach AGPA members are able to provide with the help of the group.”

We feel a depth of gratitude for all the work Kathy has done in AGPA and the Foundation and for the field of mental health. I’m delighted to shed some light on her contributions and the de- sirable personal qualities that she brings to our organization. Thank you my friend.”
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The growth of the Scholarship Program has contributed to our ability to support our tri-organizational goals. The scholarships allow us to extend this unique opportunity to as many people as we can, reinvigorating the field by introducing new professionals who are working in mental health settings where group training is not traditionally given or supported.

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Through this program, we also have been able to support our unique and high caliber Annual Meeting. It is here where we bring together the best research, research, and inspire an engaging environment that is respectful of all the complexity of being a mental health professional and a human being.

What has made this part of our fund raising so successful? Simply put, it’s not a hard sell. Giving is a shared community value, and at so many levels, it’s the right thing to do. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to supporting this relational work and the respect for the power of the Group Foundation.

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