

"To date, our internships have not been paid, so this allows us to move toward accredited status," says Sharon Tyson, Ph.D., director of the program. Dr. Tyson says this is crucial because many psychology jobs now require completion of an accredited internship. "The timing is perfect because we already have an outstanding curriculum and exceptional hands-on training opportunities. This gift turns our local program into a

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national program virtually overnight."

Interns work full-time providing psychological evaluations, consultations and therapy to patients of CPMC's Outpatient Mental Health Clinic, the Adult Inpatient Psychiatry Department, hospital medical units, the Kalmanovitz Child Development Center, and community clinics. Intern services are offered at significantly reduced fees or, in many cases, for free—something Dr. Tauber greatly appreciates.

"The grant will provide excellent training for interns," she says, "but it will also help deliver services to disadvantaged individuals who might not otherwise receive treatment."

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