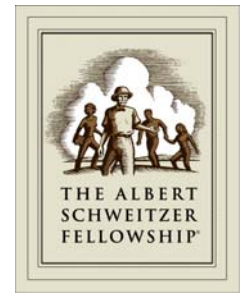


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## THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP NAMES NINE NEW KATE B. REYNOLDS SCHWEITZER FELLOWS

*2010-11 Kate B. Reynolds Schweitzer Fellows  
Will Address Health Needs of Low-Income North Carolinians*

Over the next year, nine newly selected Kate B. Reynolds Schweitzer Fellows from six different North Carolina universities will join approximately 200 other 2010-11 Schweitzer Fellows across the country in conceptualizing and carrying out service projects that directly address the unmet health-related needs of low-income, underserved individuals and communities.

These Kate B. Reynolds Schweitzer Fellows' efforts to improve the quality of life for low-income North Carolinians are made possible by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust's multi-prong partnership with the North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellows Program. In addition to directly funding these nine designated Fellows (and nine designated Fellows in the previous program year), the Trust funded the program's recruitment expansion to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and is offering sustainability grants to community sites committed to continuing Fellows' service projects.

This year's Kate B. Reynolds Schweitzer Fellows will tackle everything from refugee health to mental health disparities:

- **Tracy Cassagnol and Brianna Crosby, Wake Forest School of Medicine**  
Cassagnol and Crosby aim to encourage underserved Latino and African American teens to pursue health care careers by providing general health education and exposure to health care careers at a summer camp and throughout the academic year. *Community Site:* [YMCA of Winston Lake](#)
- **James Gillenwater and Derrick Raphael, Duke School of Law**  
Raphael and Gillenwater aim to empower underserved middle-school-aged youth by creating a rugby program and providing academic mentoring. *Community Site:* [John Avery Boys & Girls Club](#)

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- **Julius Kibe, Duke School of Nursing, and Caroline Njogu, NCCU Public Administration**  
Kibe and Njogu aim to address health disparities in North Carolina’s African refugee population by creating a lay health advisor program focusing on diabetes and hypertension education. *Community Site:* [African Advocates Against Aids](#)
- **Elise Leger, UNC School of Medicine**  
Leger aims to empower underinsured patients by conducting preventive health education and nutrition talks during clinic wait times. *Community Site:* [Moncure Community Health Center](#)
- **Jason Lee and Steven Pontickio, ECU Brody School of Medicine**  
Lee and Pontickio plan to address mental health disparities by establishing a biweekly mental health clinic at a soup kitchen. In the context of the clinic, Lee and Pontickio will provide health services, conduct health literacy education, and screen for chronic diseases. *Community Sites:* [Pitt Co. Substance Abuse Coalition](#); Joy Soup Kitchen

Upon completion of their initial year, these Kate B. Reynolds Schweitzer Fellows will become [Schweitzer Fellows for Life](#)—and join a vibrant network of over 2,000 individuals who are skilled in, and committed to, addressing the health needs of underserved people throughout their careers as professionals.

*To download a one-pager detailing the North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellows Program in more depth, click [here](#).*

*To read more about the program’s partnership with the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, click [here](#).*

*To find a full listing of the 2010-11 North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellows, click [here](#).*

## ABOUT THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP (ASF)

ASF is a national nonprofit organization that works to address health disparities by developing “Leaders in Service,” individuals who are dedicated and skilled in addressing the health needs of underserved populations and whose example influences and inspires others.

ASF Programs are located in 11 sites across the U.S., as well as at the Schweitzer Hospital in Lambaréné, Africa. ASF selects and supports more than 200 new Fellows from the nation’s top health and human service schools annually as they partner with community agencies to develop and implement service projects with a direct — and lasting — impact on the health of underserved communities.

There are now more than 2,000 ASF alumni in the Schweitzer Fellows for Life network of lifelong “Leaders in Service.” These Fellows are the living legacy of Nobel Peace Laureate Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the pioneering physician-humanitarian who founded his iconic hospital in Gabon, Africa in 1913. He spent the rest of his life providing direct service to people in need—and inspiring others to do the same by his powerful example.

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## ABOUT THE KATE B. REYNOLDS CHARITABLE TRUST

The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust was established in 1947. The mission of the Trust is to improve the quality of life and quality of health for the financially needy of North Carolina. Across its two divisions, the Health Care Division and the Poor and Needy Division, the Trust is committed to accelerating positive movement on critical community issues and effecting enduring systemic change. The Trust was established by the will of Kate Gertrude Bitting Reynolds, a woman of great vision and compassion, whose generosity in life was surpassed only by her philanthropy toward future generations.

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