

Over half a million Bay Area residents live in poverty— and at least 700,000 are uninsured.

The Bay Area Schweitzer Fellows Program is doing something about it.



It's easy to see that health and health care are filled with disparities. During these tough economic times, when there are even greater needs to be met, the Bay Area Schweitzer Fellows are making a difference.

Since 2007, the Bay Area Schweitzer Fellows Program has supported area graduate students who wish to follow in Dr. Albert Schweitzer's footsteps. Translating their passion and idealism into action, these Schweitzer Fellows partner with community-based organizations to develop and implement yearlong service projects that improve the health and well-being of vulnerable Bay Area residents. In the process, they undergo a mentored, reflective, and multidisciplinary leadership development program that enhances their ability to successfully carry out health interventions.

Schweitzer service projects are not "band-aid" approaches to today's most pressing health issues; they're designed to have long-term impact on the health of the underserved. And in carrying those projects from concept to completion, Schweitzer Fellows come away with a hard-earned blueprint for consistently integrating service into their lives.

* U.S. Census Bureau

Community Sites Served

Alameda County

Asian American Donor Program
Berkeley Primary Care
Asian Health Services
Campfire West
Easy Does It
Healthy Oakland
Intertribal Friendship House
Knights of Malta Clinic of Oakland, CA
La Clinica de la Raza
Markstein Cancer Education and Prevention Services of Oakland, CA
West Oakland Unified School District

Contra Costa County

Mount Diablo High School
Bay Area Rescue Mission

San Francisco County

ACCESS
Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Resource Center
Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco
Chinatown Community Development Center
City Crossroads Youth Program
Clinica Martin Baro
Donaldina Cameron House
Environmental Sciences Teaching Program
E.R. Taylor Elementary School
Glide Health Services

Homeless Prenatal Program
Janet Pomeroy Center
Jelani House
Making Waves Education Program
Maxine Hall Health Center
Mission Council on Alcohol Abuse
Mission Creek Mercy Housing
Mt. Zion Hospital's Housecalls Program
Lifelong Medical Care Clinic
San Francisco General Hospital
San Francisco Senior Center
Southeast Health Center
St. Vincent De Paul Society
Multi Service Center South
Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Project of San Francisco
UCSF Women's HIV Program
UCSF Young Women's Program

San Mateo County

Asian Americans for Community Involvement
Opportunity Center
Prenatal Advantage
Black Infant Health Project

Santa Clara County

Arbor Free Clinic
Day Worker Center of Mountain View
Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley
Pacific Free Clinic of Stanford University



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Service That Makes A Dramatic Difference

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF)'s mission is to develop Leaders in Service: individuals who are dedicated to and skilled in meeting the health needs of underserved communities, and whose example influences and inspires others.

The Bay Area Schweitzer Fellows Program—one of 13 U.S. Schweitzer sites—was founded in 2007 and was the first Schweitzer site west of Chicago. Fellows are currently recruited from all accredited graduate programs in the Bay Area, reaching from Marin County in the north to Santa Clara County in the south.

Bay Area Fellows have come from graduate programs in medicine, nursing, optometry, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatry, physical therapy, geography, and environmental sciences. What do these Schweitzer Fellows have in common? An unyielding commitment to service as a way of life.

Since the Bay Area Program's inception, its Fellows have provided more than 10,000 hours of community service. From skin cancer in uninsured Latino day laborers to prenatal oral health in the underserved Chinese community, to emotional support for homeless women, to childhood obesity in vulnerable neighborhoods, they've addressed some of the Bay Area's most pressing health issues via intensive service projects that deliver both immediate and enduring value.

Fellows who complete their initial year become part of ASF's Fellows for Life network, a pipeline of Leaders in

"I do not know your destiny, but I do know one thing: the only ones of you who will be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

—DR. ALBERT SCHWEITZER

in their own words



"I don't want to do this work because it's easy, or beautiful. I want to do it because it is meaningful and real."

*—Schweitzer Fellow Mary Ann Dakkak,
University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine*

"The Schweitzer Fellowship provides me with a lifelong network of colleagues who share a common goal: to eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life for individuals in our community."

*—Schweitzer Fellow Mai Dinh, University of California,
San Francisco School of Dentistry*

"The Fellowship is a great opportunity to continue the ideals of Albert Schweitzer. This program definitely showed me the challenges involved in community service, and I am now much better prepared to face those challenges."

*—Schweitzer Fellow Bright Chen, California College of
Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University*

"This Fellowship taught me how I can continue to give back to the community even when I have a full time career. I honestly feel that I received more from my service project than my clients did."

*—Schweitzer Fellow Karen Phung, University of
California, Berkeley School of Public Health*

Innovative Projects Meet Diverse Health Care Needs

Over the past five years, more than 60 Bay Area Fellows have partnered with nearly 50 community-based organizations, designing service projects that meet a wide variety of health needs. For example, they have:

- Worked with Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco on a youth-led project to assess and improve the health and nutritional environment of the clubs
- Started a women's clinic and mental health support group at a San Francisco homeless shelter
- Worked with seniors to prevent medication errors and unsafe drug interactions
- Organized optometric and skin cancer screening programs for uninsured day laborers
- Actualized a concept program that aims to raise scientific competency among low-income students who have traditionally underperformed in the natural sciences
- Created a peer support group for at-risk teenagers
- Set up a Hepatitis B Free Clinic for low-income, uninsured Asians and Pacific Islanders
- Created wellness and pharmacy programs for mentally ill individuals who are experiencing homelessness
- Created wellness programs for Native American children and adults
- Developed a bilingual oral health education curriculum for the San Francisco Homeless Prenatal Program and the San Mateo Medical Center Dental Clinic

"The Bay Area Schweitzer Fellows Program not only provides services today to those in need, it invests in the students who will be caring for these same communities throughout their careers as professionals."