



THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP®
*Addressing Health Disparities
 by Developing Leaders in Service*



passion • idealism • action • impact

The Baltimore Schweitzer Fellows Program

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 throughout the Baltimore area, The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship® (ASF) is doing something about it.

Since 1999, ASF's Baltimore Schweitzer Fellows Program (one of 13 Schweitzer sites across the U.S.) has supported 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 underserved populations. In the process, they undergo a mentored, reflective, and multidisciplinary leadership development program that enhances their ability to successfully carry out health interventions.

Innovative Projects Meet Diverse Health Care Needs

Baltimore Schweitzer Fellows have addressed a wide variety of health needs through sustainable projects with direct service at their core. Schweitzer service projects have included:

- Creating Project Jump Start, a comprehensive student-run health clinic for individuals in West Baltimore who are experiencing homelessness.
- Developing an after-school program incorporating a range of activities including one-on-one tutoring, gardening, sports and fitness instruction
- Expanding Charm City Clinic's programming through community outreach, health literacy workshops, and skill-building PhotoVoice activities
- Working to provide birth companion support to pregnant youth in the juvenile justice system in Baltimore City
- Partnering with Civic Environmental Leadership Program to heighten environmental awareness among at-risk youth in Baltimore

our mission

To develop Leaders in Service:
 individuals who are dedicated to and skilled in
 addressing the health needs of underserved communities
 and whose example influences and inspires others.

Service That Makes a Dramatic Difference

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 to create lasting relationships between professional schools, social service agencies, and communities in need. In carrying their projects from concept to completion on top of their usual academic responsibilities, Schweitzer Fellows—chosen on a competitive basis from graduate student applicants in a variety of disciplines—come away with a hard-earned blueprint for consistently integrating service into their lives.

Since the Baltimore Program's inception, its more than 250 Fellows have provided more than 50,000 hours of community service addressing the social determinants of health. Fellows who complete their initial year become part of the Fellows for Life network, a pipeline of Leaders in Service now over 2,000 members strong.

The Baltimore 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.





in their own words...

"While striving to become the best dental student and eventually the best dentist you can be, it's not hard to lose sight of why you wanted to become a dentist in the first place. Serving in the community quickly became a priority to me thanks to the Fellowship and will continue to be one even after the Fellowship has ended."

DANIELLE KYES HERSCHLER
BALTIMORE SCHWEITZER FELLOW

"Every week as volunteers, we were rewarded with questions and comments that demonstrated an understanding and absorption of the knowledge we were providing. The enthusiasm with which the students received us let us know that they were taking away from these lessons as much as we were."

ELIZABETH KAWA
BALTIMORE SCHWEITZER FELLOW

"The word 'fellowship' has new meaning to me now, and I am eager to help new individuals who are dedicated to improving the human condition, despite their own busy lives."

DAN ANDERSEN
BALTIMORE SCHWEITZER FELLOW

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