

THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP®

Improving Health • Developing Leaders • Creating Change

THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF), a nonprofit organization carrying on the legacy of Nobel Peace Prize recipient and humanitarian-physician Albert Schweitzer, develops young leaders inspired to create positive change in health and human service systems throughout the nation and world.

Southern Methodist University's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, home to the Dallas-Fort Worth Schweitzer Fellowship Program, and seven North Texas universities have come together to help address important needs in our community and develop future leaders. Schweitzer Fellows – graduate students from our participating universities – partner with community-based organizations to develop and implement mentored service projects to meet the needs of underserved populations, improving the lives and health of vulnerable people.

Fellows are engaged in a mentored, reflective, and multidisciplinary leadership development program that enhances their ability to carry out their projects successfully and improve the health of the communities they serve, now and in the future.

SERVICE THAT MAKES A DRAMATIC DIFFERENCE

Schweitzer service projects are designed to have sustained impact and to create lasting relationships between universities, social service agencies, and communities in need. In carrying those projects from conception to completion, Schweitzer Fellows come away with a hard-earned blueprint for a life of service at the heart of their professional lives. To date, that blueprint underpins the careers and personal lives of 2,500 former Schweitzer program alumni, who carry this tradition forward as Fellows for Life. Eighty percent of Fellows for Life say that their Schweitzer experience re-affirmed their commitment to pursue a career related to a life of service.

INNOVATIVE PROJECTS MEET DIVERSE HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Schweitzer Fellows include graduate students with expertise in a diverse array of fields such as medicine, psychology, and other health-related programs, as well as law, education, business, humanities, theology, and engineering. DFW Schweitzer Fellows will identify needs in the community, design yearlong, sustainable service projects that will have a demonstrable impact in meeting these needs, and bring their projects from idea to execution.

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.

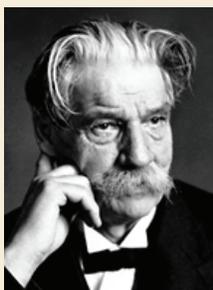
Examples of successful initiatives in other locations have included:

- Creating a soccer program for underserved middle school boys to help them learn leadership skills and improve their health.
- Creating a community garden for a poverty-stricken neighborhood and partnering with a local food bank to develop programming and training for professionals who work with low-income communities.
- Connecting homeless pregnant women with a community shelter, where they have access to numerous educational, social, and health resources.
- Conducting a series of workshops designed to overcome cultural, linguistic, and psychological barriers faced by recent refugees and asylum seekers, to assist them in navigating the U.S. health and social services systems.

The DFW Schweitzer Fellows Program seeks not only to provide services to those in need, but also to invest in the students who will be caring for their communities throughout their careers.



A New Hampshire-Vermont Fellow expanded SWIM CHAMPS, a program that seeks to empower children diagnosed with asthma.



"With a little reason and much heart, one can change many things, or move mountains."

—ALBERT SCHWEITZER

SUPPORTING SERVICE AND PEOPLE IN NEED

We deeply appreciate those who provided the leadership and funding to establish the DFW Albert Schweitzer Fellowship program. We hope that our Schweitzer Fellows will aspire to the standard of excellence set by our founders' leadership and commitment to our community.

PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

Baylor University, Louise Herrington
School of Nursing
Southern Methodist University
Texas Christian University
Texas Woman's University
University of Dallas
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Texas Southwestern
Medical Center at Dallas

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