Meet Meredith Walsh, 2013 Schweitzer Fellow

After spending four years working with refugees on the Thai–Burma border, Walsh returned to the U.S.—and realized that refugees youth now living in Worcester, Massachusetts faced an acculturation process often fraught with anxiety, uncertainty, and isolation. So she took action—and the field has changed.

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“A hospital’s emergency room is almost always empty of patients.” Liao told the Chronicle. “But that’s not the bill and Southeast Asians’ reality. Schweitzer Fellows Revathi Jyothindran and Caroline Liao made important strides toward dramatically improving the rate of follow-up care for new HIV patients in Houston through their individualized outreach efforts. As Schweitzer Fellows Revathi Jyothindran and Caroline, in close collaboration, they were able to find the right treatment, follow-up, and education for their patients, which led to a significant improvement in their health.”

“This is not an easy job. It’s a very busy place—over 106,000 patients a year—and it’s hard to stay on top of all the paperwork.” Dr. Shkelzen Hoxhaj told the Chronicle. “But Revathi and Caroline were quite tireless in their efforts.”

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Schweitzer Fellow for Life weighs in on physician payment reform in the NCMP

Joyce Ho has been selected as the Bay Area Schweitzer Fellow, and she will be sharing her experience on physician payment reform throughout the Bay Area Schweitzer Fellowship year ahead. In this article, she reflects on the impact of her fellowship year on her career.

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Honoring Our Donors

Fellows delivered hands-on oral health education to pediatric patients at the North Carolina clinic living in the city’s North Side. Two Fellows launched STRIDES L.A., a running program aimed at improving at-risk students’ mental and physical health that culminated with a 5k race.